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Syrians braced for attack after firing on US jets

From Robert Fisk, Beirut
The new American naval task force, led by the aircraft carrier Independence, steamed into Lebanese territorial waters last night as the Syrian Army in Lebanon braced itself for a possible attack by United States jets after a day of intense air activity.

It began in an unprecedented and ominous confrontation to the skies over northern Lebanon just after dawn, when Syrian anti-aircraft guns opened fire on four American F14 Tomcat fighter-interceptors on an unexplained "reconnaissance" mission in the northern Bekaa Valley. Last night United States jets were again racing at low level across Beirut towards the central mountains.

Britain's firmest friend in Africa



Conversation piece: The Queen, President Moi and tribal dancers at Nairobi airport yesterday.

Kenya welcomes the Queen with 'stupendous' crowds

From Alan Hamilton, Nairobi
He had never, the Kenyan chief of protocol conceded, seen a crowd like it. Even a Buckingham Palace official, who has seen a crowd or two in his time, was moved to the term "stupendous".

The Queen's presence repays a state visit to London by President Moi in 1979, and is a belated recognition of a country which survived accusations of being the traitor of the Commonwealth at the time of the Man Maa emergency to become Britain's most favoured friend in Africa.

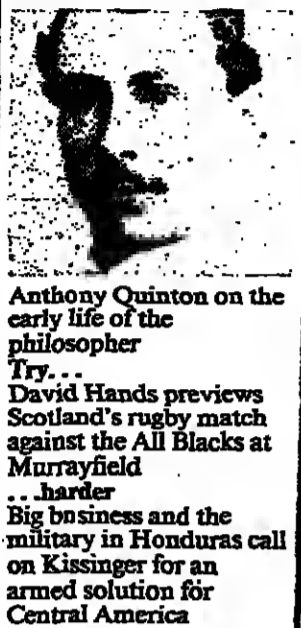
Joint force for Grenada ruled out by Ramphal

By David Cross
Mr Sonny Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, yesterday ruled out any prospect of the Commonwealth sending a security force to Grenada in the immediate future.

With the announcement of the formation of a caretaker administration by Sir Paul Scoon, the Grenadian Government-General, yesterday, the authorities in the island were reaching the point where they might be able to tell their Commonwealth partners what they needed in terms of a security presence and reconstruction aid, Mr Ramphal added.

Saturday

10 of the best... in the Saturday Section on: Snow business Four pages of the latest news and views on skiing: Present... Values: How to find those special presents... and past The locked diaries of Bertrand Russell.



Anthony Quinton on the early life of the philosopher Try... David Hands previews Scotland's rugby match against the All Blacks at Murrayfield... harder Big business and the military in Honduras call on Kissinger for an armed solution for Central America

Concorde may fly to Miami

British Airways has filed a request with the US Federal Aviation Administration to extend Concorde supersonic flights to Miami.

Falklands ban

The United States will not supply Argentina with sophisticated weapons that could be used to invade the Falklands once the ban on American arms is lifted, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, told journalists.

Liberal dispute

After points of order in the Commons, the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, declined to comment on an article in The Times by Mr Russell Johnson, the Liberal MP, calling for more time for Liberal speakers in parliamentary debates.

Lloyd's chief

Mr Peter North Miller, a Lloyd's broker, has been elected to succeed Sir Peter Green as chairman of the London insurance market. Page 17

Synod accepts

New procedures for deciding whether divorced people should be allowed remarriage in church have been accepted by the General Synod of the Church of England. Page 3

Labour choice

Mr Norman Hogg, MP for Cumberland and Kilsyth, has become Labour's deputy chief whip. He defeated Mr Don Coochannon, MP for Mansfield, by 117 votes to 79 in a second ballot.

Muzorewa eats

Bishop Abel Muzorewa has ended his hunger strike after eight days, according to the Zimbabwe Government.

Wembley plan

A £300m plan for the development of the Wembley Stadium site, which covers 80 acres in north London, will include a new multi-purpose arena. Page 2

Cannors fined

Jimmy Cannors won his match against Hank Pfister in the Benson & Hedges championships at Wembley, but lost financially when he was fined £648 for audible and visual obscenities. Page 22

Gas price rise to help Treasury

By Julian Haviland and David Young
Gas prices are expected to rise by an average of five per cent next spring as a result of decisions in Cabinet yesterday to keep total public expenditure next year at the planned level of £126,400m.

But electricity prices, which have been frozen since April 1982, are not expected to rise. Ministers are understood to have decided that savings of between £200m and £300m are to be found from the electricity industry next year by adjusting external financing limits to require extra repayments to the Treasury.

This could be met by raising tariffs by between 2½ and 3 per cent, but Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, has resisted price increases and the savings are to be found in other ways. The argument over energy prices, which was conducted yesterday in Mr Walker's presence in China, occupied much of the Cabinet meeting, which lasted rather more than two hours. But the outcome was overall agreement on next year's programmes, with the unexpected satisfaction for the Chancellor of the Exchequer of leaving the large £3,000m contingency reserve intact.

It was said afterwards that only minor points remained to be settled. The main adjustments to next year's spending programmes will be published when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, makes his autumn statement to the Commons next Thursday. The Cabinet's final decisions yesterday amounted to endorsement of the arbitration between the Treasury and the spending departments which has been conducted by the "star chamber" set up last month, with Lord Whitelaw in the chair. Mr Walker, who was represented yesterday by his Minister of State, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, appears to have succeeded only partially in maintaining the principle that nationalised industry prices should not be regarded by the Treasury as just another tax.

He has avoided an increase in electricity prices, and delayed till next year the rise in the gas price which will also be slightly below the rate of inflation. But although the rising cost of gas production might justify an increase, Mr Lawson's main argument yesterday is said to have been that he needed the revenue. The National Gas Consumers' Council expressed "deep concern" that domestic and industrial gas prices were being forced up by the Treasury above the immediate needs of the industry itself. "We are completely opposed to the use of British Gas as a milk cow", Mrs Sheila Black, the council's chairman, said. The new gas price increase is expected to add about £15 to the average annual bill of a family whose house is heated by gas central heating.

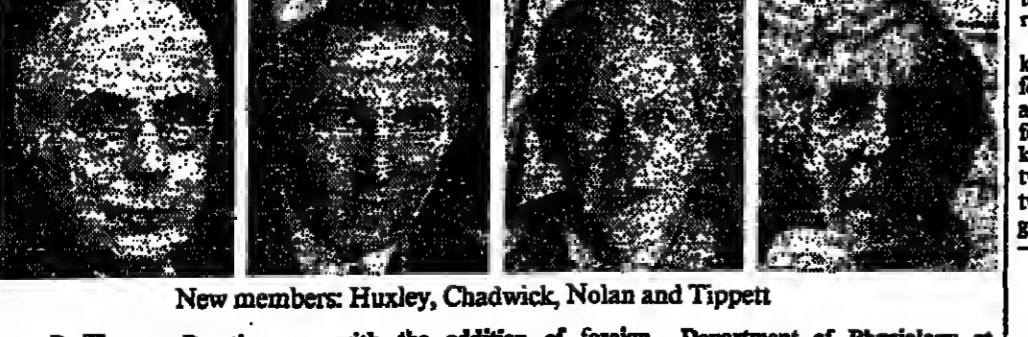
Cabinet ends 3% Nato cash link

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent
The Government's commitment to increase defence spending in line with the Nato target of 3 per cent a year, in real terms, will lapse in 1986, the Cabinet agreed yesterday.

Some of the Cabinet's spending hawks were last night expressing jubilation that the link had finally been snapped. Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, will now work on a changed basis of calculation for next year's Defence Estimates (1984-85), designed to disguise the break. But there was grave disquiet on the Conservative backbenches in the Commons last night.

Although the Treasury formula will still mean a real increase of more than 2.5 per cent in 1986-87, senior Tories were distressed that the principle should have been breached. One representative backbench source said that he would regret any break in the commitment, adding that it would be "difficult" to announce it so far in advance. Another MP with strong interest in defence said that he would regard any such decision as a "thunderbolt". A more seasoned parliamentary observer commented that Mr Heseltine would be forced into "a salami-slicing exercise on the equipment programme". Nevertheless, the MPs who support the Treasury formula for economy were arguing that a 3 per cent real increase would have been all very well provided the economy was growing at the same rate. Given that Nato allies had failed to reach the target, and Germany was cited as a case in point it would be unreasonable to expect the UK to maintain that level of spending.

Four join Order of Merit



New members: Huxley, Chadwick, Nolan and Tippet
By Thomson Prentice
The Queen has appointed the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, Sir Andrew Huxley, Sir Sidney Nolan and Sir Michael Tippet, members of the Order of Merit. The Order, instituted in 1902, is designed as a special distinction for eminent men and women and appointments are in the Queen's personal gift. She does not require ministerial advice. The Order is limited to 24 members and the Sovereign with the addition of foreign honorary members. Present members include Mr Harold Macmillan, Henry Moore, Lord Olivier and Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC. Professor Chadwick, KBE, aged 67, is Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, Regius Professor of Modern History and president of the British Academy. Sir Andrew Huxley, aged 66, is president of the Royal Society, and is Royal Society Research Professor in the Department of Physiology at University College, London. Sir Sidney Nolan, CBE, an artist, aged 67, has works in the Tate Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and galleries in his native Australia. Sir Michael Tippet, CH, CBE, aged 78, is a composer of symphonies, operas and concertos. His First Symphony was performed in 1945. His Symphony Number Four in 1977 and his Triple Concerto in 1979.

News ban in Heineken kidnapping

From Robert Schull Amsterdam
Dutch police and Heineken have acceded to the demand of the kidnappers of Mr Alfred Heineken, head of the brewery, to withhold further information from the press.

The demand was made in a letter which reached police in the Hague late on Wednesday night, after Mr Heineken, aged 60 and his chauffeur, Mr Ab Doderer, aged 57, were forced by three armed, masked men into a van. The letter also said the brewery would be "contacted later" presumably to state terms for the release of the two men. The brewery has said it is prepared to pay a ransom. It has asked the police, at the request of the families of the two men, to act with the "greatest reticence". It is unclear whether the kidnappers are Dutch or foreign. Police described the abduction as highly professional. At the spot where the kidnappers switched vehicles, two bags were found, containing two Israeli Uzi sub-machine guns and ammunition.

Telecom men bow to court

By David Felton
The Post Office Engineering Union yesterday chose to obey an injunction halting industrial action against the private company, Mercury Communications, rather than risk being held in contempt of court after leaders had issued a warning that it could lead to their being "smashed" in the courts. Letters went out last night to 300 branches from the union's conference in Blackpool instructing members to withdraw the blocking on inter-connection between Mercury circuits and the British Telecom network after conference delegates drew back from mounting the first real challenge of the Government's employment legislation. In another development, the future of 500 unemployed school leavers who were due to join youth training schemes with British Telecom in January was thrown into doubt last night after the Union rejected calls that it should cooperate with the Government's £1,000m jobs scheme for young people. Continued on back page, col 3

CND at Cenotaph

Six members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will be allowed to take part officially in the Remembrance Day march-past at the Cenotaph in London on Sunday. They are members of the recently formed Ex-Services CND and will march with their former regiments, wearing CND badges. Approval has been granted by the Royal British Legion, which organizes the march of regimental associations and legion groups on behalf of the Home Office. A Legion spokesman said yesterday that each of the six who had applied to take part in the march had a right to do so as an ex-serviceman. Their inclusion in the march was welcomed by CND. It demonstrated that CND was not hostile to the armed services. The Legion spokesman said that the march past "is an act of remembrance in which nuclear disarmament has no part at all."

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County court changes will increase bad debts, traders tell Hailsham

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has decided to go ahead with planned cuts in numbers of county court bailiffs and in their duties, which traders say will lead to a massive increase in bad debts and more expensive consumer credit.

The warrant is issued by the court at the request of the creditor for part of the outstanding debt. Broadly speaking, it applies where a court has made an order for repayment by instalments. The amount for which the warrant is now issued cannot be less than one £50 instalment, now less than £15.

It will still be open to the bailiff to remove goods to cover the value of the warrant, but the retail trade argues that to satisfy a £50 warrant, goods of several hundred pounds may have to be seized, increasing distress.

Record tax burden under Tory rule

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The burden of taxes in Britain has risen steeply to record heights since the Government took office in 1979, according to official figures released yesterday.

The Government has raised taxes to reduce its borrowing in the face of increased public spending, at a time when the economy has slumped. These figures will give added impetus to the Treasury's campaign to keep public spending under tight control, to leave room for tax cuts before the next election.

TAXES AS PROPORTION OF NATIONAL OUTPUT*	1960-72	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
	36.6	36.5	39.2	40.2	40.2	39.6	38.2	39.6	41.9	44.4	45.7

NHS 'must prune back staff'

By Nicholas Timmins

The National Health Service should be much more willing to get rid of people who do not come up to scratch, Mr Michael Carlisle, the chairman of the Trent Regional Health Authority said yesterday.



The victors: The six boys after their High Court appearance in London yesterday (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Boys win reprieve for home

By a Staff Reporter

Six teenage boys from "deprived and unstable" backgrounds won a reprieve in the High Court yesterday for a children's home they say has given them a better chance in life.

Mr Justice McCulloch ruled that Solihull council in the West Midlands must think again about the closure date for the 18-bed home, Richmond House. But he made an ruling on the council's earlier decision that the home would have to close at some time.

stability and they feel they have been given a chance to become decent citizens. He said the decision to close the home came after a conflict "between those in the council who wanted to cut costs and those who wanted to continue the fine work done by this home."

The decision means that the lives of the boys there may now become a bit more stable. "I think it is wrong for them to close the home, because it means that kids who have been in trouble and come onto care will have to go to homes that cannot cater for their needs and will probably get back into trouble again."

Police make armed raids in Devon

A tip-off to police that forged banknotes and firearms with an Irish terrorist connection had been hidden in Devon and Cornwall led to raids yesterday by 200 police officers, some of them armed.

Government urged to close MSC

The Manpower Services Commission, which has an annual budget of more than £1bn and employs 24,000 people, should be wound up, a free enterprise pressure group urged yesterday.

New LWT chief

Mr Brian Tesler, aged 54, is to succeed Mr John Freeman as chairman of London Weekend Television in January. Mr Tesler is deputy chairman and managing director. Mr Freeman has been chairman since 1971.

Struck off

Mr Kewal Krishan Abrol, aged 55, a dentist, of Gravelly Hill North, Erdington, Birmingham, whose conviction for the manslaughter of a woman patient was quashed by the Court of Appeal, was ordered yesterday to be struck off the dental register.

Correction

In a report yesterday on the Mosley papers we wrongly ascribed to Lord Longford a remark linking his conversion to socialism and Roman Catholicism to violence he experienced at a fascist meeting in Oxford in 1936. Lord Longford wishes to point out that it helped point him towards socialism but had nothing to do with his change of religious beliefs.

Fleet Street rebels vote to defy TUC

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A new labour relations crisis in Fleet Street came closer yesterday when "dissident" electricians rejected the advice of the TUC to rejoin the union they quit several months ago.

that the home should close in September they should have considered the welfare of each individual child. But he was satisfied they did not. That decision must be quashed.

The boys earlier won a temporary order keeping the home open pending the outcome of yesterday's hearing. The judge said the council might now decide to close another home instead. The boys' counsel, Lord Gifford, QC, told the judge yesterday that they had had deprived and unstable lives. At Richmond House they found

New threat claimed to Green Belt land

By Christopher Warren, Property Correspondent

Evidence that a consortium of the country's largest construction companies are intending to develop land in the open countryside, perhaps in the Green Belt, was presented to Conservative MPs last night by Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE).

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The evidence, given to the backbench Conservative MP's environment committee, came in a letter from Consortium Developments, which represents some of the biggest building companies, to a property owner in the Hart district area of rural Hampshire. It said that several locations in the South-east could accommodate a new community, each averaging about 700 acres.



Slow show: David Bellamy, the conservationist, with a 20-year-old giant tortoise called Andronicus at the Aldabra Island exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute which Mr Bellamy opened yesterday. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Heathrow threat by BCal

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

Some charter flights may have to be moved from Gatwick to Stansted if British Caledonian succeeds in taking routes and aircraft away from state-owned British Airways, the British Airports Authority said yesterday.

Heseltine admits 'dual key' on Lance missiles

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, admitted yesterday in a letter to Dr David Owen that there is a "de facto" dual key control over the British-owned Lance battlefield missiles deployed in West Germany.

Record price for Rothko canvas in New York

By Hoon Mallalieu

The autumn sales of contemporary art in New York continued on Wednesday at both Sotheby's and Christie's. The main session at Sotheby's produced the most remarkable price, \$1,815,000 (£1.2m) for Mark Rothko's vast canvas "Black, Maroons and White".

\$5,988,741 (£3,992,494) with an average of about 12 per cent bought in. On Wednesday the top price was \$187,000 (£124,667), paid by a New York dealer for a frenetic Jackson Pollock, Number 12A, 1948: Yellow, Gray, Black.

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Rampton nurses cleared

Three nurses, convicted 18 months ago of ill-treating patients at Rampton special hospital, were cleared by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

Thatcher picks hardliner

By David Walker

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has appointed an economic hardliner and enthusiastic advocate of privatization to head her Downing Street Policy Unit. Mr Norman Payne, British Airports Authority chairman, announcing the half-year results yesterday, reported that a 23 per cent increase in pre-tax operating profit, from £50.3m to £60.9m, up to the end of September.

Radioactive waste put on council tip

By Mark Rosselli

Radioactive waste has been dumped several times at a public refuse site near a housing estate in Billingham, Cleveland. People living in the town are already angry at government plans to dispose of nuclear waste in a disused ICI mine 600ft below ground.

£300m plan for new Wembley complex

By Christopher Warren, Property Correspondent

A £300m plan for development at the Wembley Stadium site, which covers 80 acres including the hollowed green turf at its centre, was announced yesterday by the British Electric Traction Company.

BET is to go into partnership with a specially-formed consortium which intends to spend £300m over the next 10 years. Central to the consortium's plans is a new, multi-purpose indoor arena incorporating the latest technological advances and intended to be the best in the world.

An official of the Sports Council said that Wembley had long been his preferred site for a national indoor arena, and if the council now make a definite decision in favour of Wembley it would be prepared to make a substantial investment.

A feasibility study will be undertaken immediately after the agreement of the new partnership have been completed in January. A programme of refurbishment for the existing stadium has already been agreed with the Football Association and is in progress.

Under the new ownership, no changes in the management and staff at Wembley are expected and all the activities of Wembley Stadium, itself a listed building, will continue without interruption. Extra staff will be employed as the developments proceed, and it is intended to have a wider range of activities and events.

BET's subsidiary, BET Leisure Holdings Ltd, yesterday signed heads of agreement, subject to contract, with the consortium, which is led by Arena Ltd.

Arena Ltd was formed specifically for the purpose, and its shareholders include Sir Hugh Willatt, Lord Marshall of Leeds, Mr John Silkin, the Labour MP, whose firm of solicitors is advising the consortium, Mr Logan Gourlay, Mr Raymond Doyle, Mr Frederick Khan, Mr Benjamin Fisz and, from the United States, Mr Irving Mitchell Feit.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank, which has been appointed corporate finance adviser to Arena, and other substantial corporate shareholders, have been invited to join the consortium. On completion of the agreement, BET will receive £25m in cash, as well as a 50 per cent share in all the profits of the planned redevelopment, and will retain 49 per cent of the equity of Wembley Stadium Ltd.

Last year the Wembley Stadium company generated profits of just under £2m before tax.

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Synod split on choice of divorcees who could remarry in church

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The new procedure for deciding which divorced people should be allowed to remarry in church was found acceptable by the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday, but the synod was clearly divided.

Attempts by opponents of the principle of remarriage to halt the debate were thrice defeated by a ratio of about two to one, though clearly many of those in favour also had misgivings.

The synod spent five hours sifting through more than 30 amendments, but none of those which were passed fundamentally altered the procedure.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, expressed the feeling of many of the reluctant supporters if it when he said: "We have aroused so many expectations by what I believe were foolish decisions, that we must now go ahead and make it work, and make it work honestly."

The synod decided in July that the circumstances in which a couple should be allowed a second marriage should be identified by a three-tier system. The local clergyman would investigate the facts and make recommendations; a panel of advisers would consider the papers in each case and give the bishop concerned his advice; and the bishop will make a ruling which will include the ending of any previous marriage vows.

Yesterday's debate was about the details of that process.

An alliance of "indissolublists" and "non-workablists" in the synod tried to have the debate adjourned indefinitely, and unsuccessfully opposed the commencement of the revision stage.

Later, however, Father Peter Geldard, of Canterbury, a spokesman for the group opposing remarriage in principle, indicated that they should accept the majority decision and try to make the system work. He asked whether bishops who oppose remarriage in principle would also observe the spirit of the procedure.

Canon Colin Craston, who was steering the item through its debate on behalf of the synod's standing committee, appealed to the House of



Bubbling with joy: Ruth Baillie (left) and her twin Sonia yesterday.

The girl who gave her twin new life

Doctors have just given Sonia Baillie, aged four, a clean bill of health after a successful bone marrow transplant from her identical twin, Ruth, in August last year to treat leukaemia.

Their mother, Mrs Olwen Baillie, said yesterday: "Even though she was only young, Ruth realised she could save her sister's life".

As the girls raced about the playground of Crosby Road School, Mrs Baillie, of Waterloo, Merseyside, said that they were both eager to make up for lost time.

A campaign has been launched to raise £100,000 for a bone marrow unit at the Royal Liverpool Hospital.

Census rejects view that England's trees are vanishing

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The accepted view among conservationists that Britain is steadily being denuded of trees is rejected in a census published yesterday by the Forestry Commission.

The census, which is claimed to be the most detailed since 1947 and has taken three years to complete, shows that the total area of woodland in England has risen since the Second World War by about 14 per cent, and in Wales by more than 40 per cent.

Although the increase is largely due to new conifer plantations, there has been no decline in the total area of broadleaved woodland. In England broadleaves still account for about 57 per cent of all woodlands.

The census findings are certain to be challenged by amenity groups. The Friends of the Earth said yesterday that it was still studying it, but that it already had doubts about the validity of some of the conclusions.

The commission's report observes that, although there has been a considerable loss of oak woodland, perhaps as much as 60,000 hectares in England in the last 30 years, it remains the dominant species. Moreover, more oak has been planted or regenerated in the last 10 years than any other species.

The character of broadleaved woodland has, however, gradually changed, largely as a result of the decline in the number of coppices and colonization by species such as sycamore, ash and birch.

About 45 per cent of the total woodland area in England consists of broadleaved high forest, compared with only 34 per cent in 1947. Nearly three-quarters of all broadleaved woodlands are in southern and eastern England.

In England conifer plantations have increased from about 165,000 hectares in 1947 to more than 380,000 hectares, and in Wales from 42,000 to about 168,000 hectares.

The volume of timber in English woodlands has almost doubled since 1945 to an estimated 111 million cubic metres, and in Wales it has trebled to 26 million cubic metres.

In spite of the loss of hedgerow clms, the number of non-woodland trees which form an important part of the lowland landscape is estimated to have risen by about 15 per cent since 1951.

Although Dutch elm disease has reduced the total timber volume of non-woodland trees, there appear to be enough young trees to maintain the current growing stock, the report concludes.

England, Census of Woodlands and Trees; Wales, Census of Woodland and Trees (Forestry Commission, 231 Cranstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH 12 7AT, £3 each).

Forest type by area and ownership - England and Wales

Forest type	'000 hectares		Total	Per cent of total woodland area
	Forestry Commission	Private		
Managed				
Mainly coniferous	334.3	216.2	550.5	46.3
Mainly broadleaved	50.1	438.4	488.5	41.1
Other				
Coppice with standards	1.0	11.6	12.6	1.0
Coppices	3.0	25.5	28.5	2.3
Scrub	3.0	84.7	87.7	7.4
Cleared	5.4	17.2	22.6	1.9
Total	383.8	794.6	1,188.4	100.0

Airport gun charge man remanded

A former US State Department foreign service officer accused of having a sub-machine gun and ammunition was further remanded in custody for a week at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court yesterday.

Walter Reed Martindale, aged 40, was charged on two counts under the Firearms Act, 1968, after a short stay in Britain by anti-terrorist squad detectives on October 26 at Gatwick airport.

He is accused of having a 9mm semi-automatic carbine Uzzi sub-machine gun and a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver without holding a firearms certificate, between October 15 and 23, within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court.

Martindale, described as an international trader, giving an address in Alexandria, Virginia, in the United States, is similarly charged with having thirty-seven 9mm bullets and twenty .38 bullets.

Martindale did not apply for bail.

Court attack on social workers

A boy aged 15, who pleaded guilty at the Inner London Crown Court yesterday to setting fire to a lift, was ordered to be detained for 18 months.

Judge McLean said he was forced to take that action because of the residential workers' strike.

"This is a disgraceful situation," the judge said. "The defendant is deprived of reports to which he is entitled by striking social workers who have directly flouted the guidelines set out by the Home Secretary."

He had been told that Southwark social workers were taking "selective strike action" which meant a number of reports were not being produced.

He felt the only way that he could force the social services to produce reports was to give a sentence that could be taken to the appeal court.

Computers switch on to sex

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Sex and marriage have reached the home computer. Acorn, manufacturer of the BBC Micro, has launched two programs which, it claims, "could improve people's love lives and help to bring down the divorce rate".

One program, called "I Do", uses a questionnaire written by Professor Haas Eysenck, the psychologist, to access the good and bad points of a couple's relationship and pin-point danger areas.

The computer fires 400 multiple-choice questions at each partner and then compares the answers. It calculates 11 separate "compatibility scores", for subjects including "feminism and antifeminism" and "libido".

The other program, "The Dating Game", brings traditional computer dating techniques into the home. Its questionnaires were written by Dr Glen Wilson, a colleague of Professor Eysenck at London University's Institute of Psychiatry.

The program can match up to 40 people, heterosexual or homosexual and for each one rank the others in descending order of compatibility.

Mr Ivan Berg, whose firm Ivan Berg Software produced the programs for Acorn, had produced 5,000 of each program, which Acorn hopes to sell by Christmas at £12.65 a cassette.

The same software firm has also made 10,000 copies of a similar program, "Matchmaking", for the rival Commodore 64 home computer.

Dr Wilson and Mr Berg acknowledge that most cassettes will be bought for fun and to break the ice at adult parties.

GPs' free-spending 'over'

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Family doctors will have to demonstrate that they provide value for money and the days of uncontrolled financing of the family practitioner services are almost certainly over, the Royal College of General Practitioners was told yesterday.

With health ministers considering a report on whether cash limits can be applied to family doctors services, Dr Donald Acheson, chief medical officer designate at the Department of Health, told a conference held by the college in London that he believed "the period of uncontrolled financing (of family doctor services) is almost certainly over".

The report, which is believed to argue that cash limits as such cannot be applied but that more careful evaluation is needed of trends in general practitioners' spending, would open up the debate on how family doctors spend money. Professor Alan Maynard, professor of economics at York university told the conference.

Doctors would be required to show that they are using efficiently and ethically scarce resources, including drugs. With limited resources, doctors producing one form of treatment, effectively denied treatment to others. Choices had to be made in extreme cases about who would live.

Gillick fight goes to Commons

Hectic day in pill campaign

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Reporter

Mrs Victoria Gillick, who wants to stop doctors giving girls under 16 the pill without their parents' consent, last night checked into a London hotel room reserved for her by TV-am.

This morning she is due to appear on the company's breakfast programme and will later be interviewed by Jimmy Young on his radio show. Tonight, she travels to Norwich for an appearance on a BBC television programme.

Between her media engagements, at the House of Commons at 9am, she will meet Dr Gerard Vaughan, the former Minister for Health, whose constituents support her campaign to deny family doctors the ability to prescribe contraceptives to girls under 16 years of age without parental consent.

Dr Vaughan was Minister of Health in 1980 when the department's advice to doctors on prescribing contraceptives in such circumstances was last reviewed. Dr Vaughan saw no cause for substantial change. Mrs Gillick's view is that he is now opposing his own guidelines.

The guidelines are to be reviewed again, largely because of Mrs Gillick's campaign. More than 200 MPs have so far supported her but she has been unsuccessful in trying to have the guidelines declared unlawful and has now taken her case to the Court of Appeal.

The actions of Mrs Gillick, who has 10 children, have led to wide-ranging debates about teenagers' sexual behaviour. Lord Devlin recently commented that her legal battle "may well be socially the most important to come before the courts in this decade".

such as the charitable Brook Advisory Centre, one of which prescribed to the girl involved in the case, are apprehensive about changes in the law or the guidelines.

Mrs Caroline Woodroffe, chairman of the Brook centres, said yesterday: "People who sign this petition are trying to use doctors as some kind of agents of social control to try to stop young girls having sex."

The idea that it is desirable for girls under 16 not to be given contraceptives is based on the spurious premise that this will stop them having sex. All that will happen is that there will instead be an increase in the numbers of abortions and unwanted pregnancies.

She added: "We would much prefer to give girls contraceptives than abortions."

Most of the girls under 16 who wanted contraceptives had good relationships with their parents. If the guidelines were changed, the minority of girls most in need of help would be deprived of it.

Since 1975, when the guidelines were first introduced, the rate of pregnancies among girls aged 15 has declined from 11.01 per 1,000 in England and Wales to 9.85 per 1,000 last year. About half of the girls under 16 who attended the centres did so with their parents' consent.

The British Medical Association said yesterday: "We don't want to see either the law or the guidelines changed. We are talking about children who have already decided to exclude their parents from their decisions. If they can no longer go to their doctor, what is to happen to them?"

Mrs Gillick said yesterday: "If I am unsuccessful, in the Court of Appeal, I will go to Parliament to seek a change in the law."



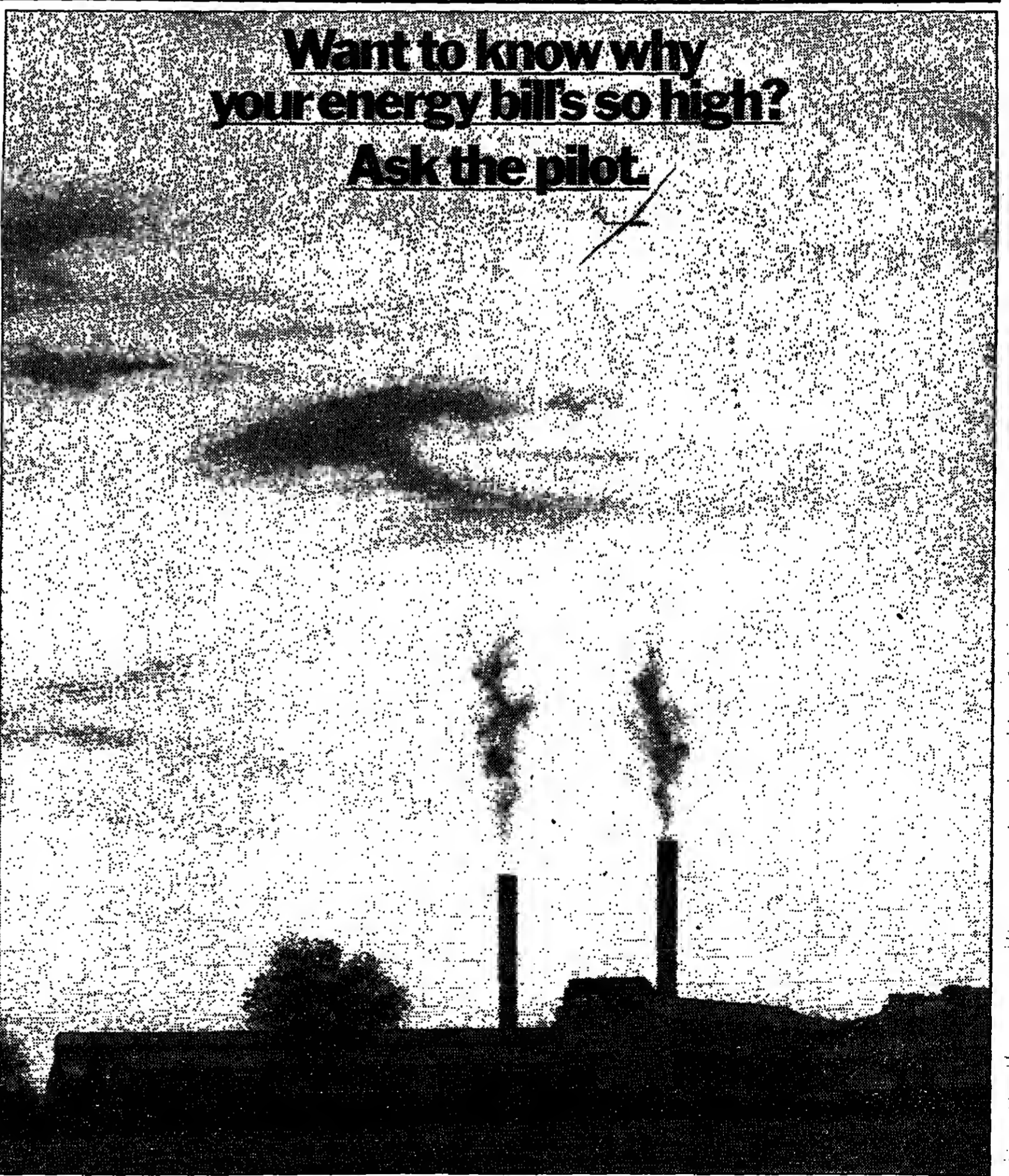
Mrs Caroline Woodroffe: Pill preferable to abortion.

To many people, Mrs Gillick represents moral integrity and the defence of parents' rights to control their children. To the British Medical Association, family planning agencies and many individuals, her views and those of her supporters are seen as unrealistic, if not dangerous.

The Department of Health's advice to doctors is that they should try to persuade girls under 16 to tell their parents they want contraceptives, but the doctors can prescribe them without parent's knowledge if they deem it desirable.

The petitions supporting Mrs Gillick call for parents to be given a statutory right to be consulted by doctors.

Earlier this month, in a court case involving a girl said to have been on the pill since the age of 10, Judge Brian Gibbons said: "The law has to protect precocious children from corrupting themselves". Publicity after the case led to increased support for Mrs Gillick's campaign. The girl was later said to be 13 when she sought the pill.



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Getting more time for the Liberal view

COMMONS

The speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) in response to a series of points of order in the Commons about the article in *The Times* that day by Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L), calling on the Speaker to give the Liberal Party "its fair share in Parliament", said he had seen the article but had no intention of commenting either on it or Mr Johnston's conduct.

The article was mentioned during exchanges on future business and subsequently on points of order during which Mr John Evans (St Helens South, Lab) wondered if *The Times* had committed a breach of privilege in printing Mr Johnston's article.

Mr Russell Johnston said his attention in writing the article in *The Times* was to make it clear to the public that the part of the House which represented 25 per cent of the electorate and 7,500,000 people would indeed consider it profoundly unfair if there was not a willingness to call a member of the Social Democratic Party and a member of the Liberal Party in every debate.

In making this case Mr Speaker (said) in no way whatever was I seeking to impugn your character or raise any doubt whatever about your personal worth to be fair. Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline, West, Lab), who raised the issue, said the article in *The Times* by Mr Johnston impinged on the Speaker's responsibility to the House. He asked the Speaker to give his views on the article in order to allay the fears of MPs.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said he had read the article with some care and it could be read another way. There were several instances where Mr Johnston was complaining about the way in which the SDP leader or leaders were able to catch the Speaker's eye as distinct from the Liberal MPs. He regarded it as a possible veiled attack upon the SDP by the Liberal Party.

(Laughter) Mr Johnston said that on October 27, after the debate on the National Health Service in which no Liberal was called, the Speaker had said, in response to a point of order from Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L): "I am sure that the House would consider it

extremely unfair if in every debate the Chair had to call a member from the Social Democratic Party and one from the Liberal Party." (Labour cheers)

After Mr Johnston had explained his intentions in writing the article, Mr Alan Williams, for the Opposition (Swansea West Lab), said the Opposition deplored the fact that Mr Johnston had gone to the press to make what anyone who read it would see as an utterly ill-founded and unwarranted attack on the Speaker.

The Alliance not only seemed to want the penny in the bun, they wanted to keep it and eat it. Did not the article in *The Times* indicate quite clearly that in the last Parliament the Alliance was given extra time for extra seats which it obtained by the shabby process of political defection, a process which represented not one extra Liberal or SDP vote in the country?

Was it not utterly consistent with that precedent, which they welcomed at that time, that their now depleted ranks in the House should be reflected with depleted speaking time? On Mr Johnston's own figures in the article, with only 4 per cent of the seats was not the Speaker in danger of being over-generous in giving them 5 per cent of the time - 25 per cent longer than they were entitled to?

Mr Norman St John-Stevens (Chelmsford, C) said that irrespective of the merits of the article, was it not deplorable that an MP should write an article in a newspaper criticising the Speaker? Criticism of the Speaker within the House was most severely limited and could not be made except by substantive motion.

How much more so must not criticism be limited to MPs writing in this newspaper, which had no connexion with the House? The Commons was the guardian of the rights and liberties of the people and that function could not be discharged unless there was a respect for the Chair outside the House.

During the election, most MPs were opposed by Alliance candidates, so described on the ballot paper. Some were Liberals, some Social Democrats - in his constituency he had forgotten which. (Laughter) They all stood in Alliance. Surely, if every party in the House were allowed to be as of



Johnston: Profoundly unfair

Evans: Privilege issue?

steps to provide work for unemployed young people, said the grand total of those unemployed under age 25 was 1.19 million, not that far short of the total unemployed in Britain in 1979.

He said the situation was despairing, yet the skills of Britain's people was likely to be the most important single factor if the nation was to have a future and to be able to do all the things it wanted to do in the next 10 to 20 years and well into the next century.

The Government would have to work hard to improve the image of the Youth Training Scheme and sell it to the young.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Employment, moved an amendment endorsing the Government's industrial and economic policies in tackling the root causes of unemployment through the control of inflation and public expenditure and congratulating the Government on the successful launching of the youth training scheme.

He said the stock of vacancies continued to rise steadily and the prospects for young people were better. There had been an improvement in job opportunities open to school leavers in some areas. The Government was committed to the long term future of youth training.

Mr Gregor Mackenzie (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab) said the problem was that there were just not enough jobs for young people. The economic policy of the Government had failed to produce the jobs and the opportunities for these kids.

He had a daughter in her 20s who went through school, got good 'O' levels, six highers and a degree from Glasgow University. She was unemployed for a year and got a job eventually washing tables in a local restaurant. A lot of young people were cynical about training.

The abilities, talents and potential of a whole generation to turn the country into a progressive and civilized place to live, had been squandered.

It had created a sub-culture of youth poverty set against the background of North Sea oil which had only been used to keep people unemployed and on the dole queue.

Mr Roger King (Birmingham, Northfield, C) said wage rates being offered to full-time apprentices were far too high. Greater financial inducement could be given by remuneration on YTS schemes at the price of reducing slightly unemployment benefit.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said the YTS was regarded by many young people as being much more to do with getting the Government out of the political book than with something serious to do with youth unemployment.

No time for a debate on The Times

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, declined during questions on future business in the Commons to provide Government time for a debate on the sale of *Times* Newspapers.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) asked: Does he recall that on October 27 he promised the Leader of the Opposition that he would consider a debate on the sale of *Times* Newspapers? As the issues raised are so important, they cannot be brushed aside. Will he give favourable consideration to that debate?

Mr Biffen: There have been a number of parliamentary exchanges on this matter and questions have been answered. In the light of that, I do not feel able to guarantee to offer any Government time for such a debate.

Carron case in US a 'bizarre affair'

ULSTER

The case involving Owen Carron and Danny Morrison in the United States could only be described as a bizarre affair, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions.

Dr Brian Wawhiney (Peterborough, C) had asked if the Secretary of State could ask the US Government to appear against the sentences delivered on the two men in order to more effectively counter adverse propaganda and publicity.

Mr Prior: I am certain we ought to draw a sharp differentiation between the views of the administration and the views of the Department of Justice in this respect.

As to whether or not there should be any further representations from us about an appeal, I think it is a matter for the administration. Earlier, in reply to Rev Martin Smyth (Belfast South, UOP), Mr Prior said that during his recent visit to the US he had found a growing understanding of the problems of the UK in its attitude to Northern Ireland.

But for all that (he added), some of the remarks of the last few hours I find extremely offensive.

Maze prison security tightened

The locking device on the main gate of the Maze prison had been improved and further protection had been given to the prison officer in the main control room of each H block following the mass escape of prisoners on September 25, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions.

Asked when he expected to receive the report of Sir James Hennessy on the break out, Mr Prior said: I understand from Sir James Hennessy's report that the defence has been obtained and is now being analysed. However, further inquiries could be necessary and while I know that Sir James and his team are still trying to give the inquiry its fullest priority.

Until it is available I cannot comment substantively on security at the Maze Prison, except to assure the House that some improvements are being effected in the light of the experience gained on September 25. Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C): Is it possible to outline to some extent the nature of the changes in the security measures that have been taken at the Maze Prison?

Mr Prior: There have been two improvements. The first is to the locking device for the main gate and the other is to give further protection for the prison officer in the main control room of each H block. This was about during the outbreak. These are the two so far, but it is early days.

Mr John Watson (Skipiton and Ripon, C): What is the ratio between prison officers and prison officers in Northern Ireland and England and Wales?

Mr Prior: There are 3,000 prison officers in Northern Ireland to 2,500 prisoners and at the Maze, 1,000 prison officers to 850 prisoners which is more than a one to one ratio.

A minister denied in the House of Lords that the 1967 Abortion Act was being abused and that abortion on demand was now available. The Government had been asked by Lord Robertson (Oxfordshire) (Ind) what was its response to the call by the Church of England General Synod, supported by a majority of 256 to 2, for a Government-sponsored Bill to amend the 1967 Act to restrict the number of abortions. Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, replied that the Government respected the conviction which underlay the General Synod's vote.

We believe however (he said) that abortion is a subject on which Parliament should be free to vote according to individual consciences. Accordingly the Government will continue to leave possible changes in the law on abortion to individual initiatives. The Earl of Loughborough (Lab) recalled that the 1967 Act went through the House after assurances were given that there would not be abortion on demand. In many cases, however, it was and the Act was being completely abused, he said. Lord Glenarthur: I reject what he says. This is not the case. It is not being widely abused and statistics which come to the department would verify that fact.

Aid for owners of defective houses

HOUSING

A Bill giving financial aid to the owners of prefabricated reinforced concrete houses built in Great Britain before 1960 which have been found to be gradually deteriorating due to the method of construction, will be introduced as soon as possible after December 16 when local authority associations have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals, Mr Ian Gow, Minister of State for Housing and Construction, said in a statement to the Commons.

He said the decision followed a study by the Building Research Establishment from the six most common types of houses involved, the Boot, Cornish Unit, Orbit, Unity, Yates and Woolway.

The great majority of houses examined were found to be structurally sound and there were significant differences in the rate of deterioration between and within type. But all houses of these types would eventually be affected by cracking the result said.

Mr Gow said: I stress that the Building Research Establishment's studies are only of prefabricated reinforced concrete houses. The conclusions carry no implications for houses of non-traditional design which use other load bearing materials.

Private owners will find themselves in a difficult position as a result of the effect of these findings on the value of their houses. The Government has decided to introduce early legislation to provide a scheme of assistance to private owners of houses sold by the public sector and since found to be defective or potentially defective.

This will be on lines broadly similar to those of the scheme for owners of Airey type houses which is already in existence. The essential feature of the proposals will be a right of assistance.

Later Mr Gow said the other six types of prefabricated reinforced concrete houses which the BRE had been asked to study were the Parkinson, Roma, Stent, Tarran (including the Dorran, Myton and Newland variants), Wings and Whitecross (including the Lindsay (Ayrshire) variant) types.

Asked by Mr Robert Jones (West Hertfordshire, C) why 1960 was chosen for the cut-off date, Mr Gow said prefabricated reinforced concrete houses of the types dealt with in his statement were not built in any significant numbers in the public sector after 1960.

Thatcher backs Bill to ban video 'nasties'

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said she agreed with the speech of Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, about pornography and video "nasties" and she hoped the Commons would enact a swift passage to the Bill which is sponsored by Mr Graham Bright (Luton South, C), when it comes before the House tomorrow.

She had been asked by Mr Andrew MacKay (East Berkshire, C) if she had studied the text of the excellent Darwin lecture by the Lord Chief Justice last Tuesday in Cambridge, in which he called upon the British people to go into battle against crime.

There was a need, he said, for longer punishments to combat video "nasties" and she suggested that the Government should take action to stop heroin drugs coming in from Pakistan.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree with what he said about drugs and pornography. The overwhelming majority of people in this country would approve of what he said in encouraging everyone to help support the police. With regard to video "nasties", I hope the Bill coming before the House tomorrow will receive a second reading and will be put through all its stages as quickly as possible.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, second reading; Tuesday: Coal Industry Bill, second reading; Wednesday: Debate on Opposition motion on home improvement grants. Motions relating to milk regulations; Thursday: Debate on the army; Friday: Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, second reading. The main business in the House of Lords will be:

A grant of 90 per cent of eligible expenses on repairs is intended to be the main form of assistance, but there will be cases in which repair will be uneconomic, or will not give the house a further useful life of at least 30 years, or will still not make the house mortgageable in the private sector.

There will be other cases in which there would be hardship for the owner if the repair were the only form of assistance possible. In these cases we propose to lay a duty on local authorities to acquire the dwellings if the owner wishes. Owners will receive 95 per cent of the defect-free value of the house.

We have in mind as all types of should apply to reinforced concrete prefabricated houses involved, however no final decision have been taken on the initial coverage of the scheme and the BRE is studying six further types.

In addition to the mandatory scheme, local authorities will be given discretionary power to assist owners of defective houses which meet these criteria but in respect of which the Secretary of State (Mr Patrick Jenkin) has made no order requiring the local authority to give assistance. This power will enable local authorities to assist where there are local problems.

The local authority associations will now be consulted about these proposals. I will be asking them to comment before December 16 on a consultation document which is being sent to them tomorrow.

Mr Eric Heffer, chief Opposition spokesman on housing and construction (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said the statement was disgraceful. The Government would have been more helpful to all those who lived in such defective homes. The Minister was punishing council tenants who had not bought their defective homes by refusing to give additional aid to local authorities.

Mr Gow: The needs of those who have not bought their homes and who will remain as tenants in the public sector, will be taken into account, along with other needs, when the housing investment programme allowances are made.

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Distinguished refugee from Labour Party

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, during questions on Commons business why the remaining Mosley papers were not being released.

Is the Cabinet afraid (he went on) that such papers might even more so the establishment and Tory circles were involved with supporting fascism at home and foreign dictatorships abroad?

Mr Biffen: The more the papers come out about this distinguished refugee from the Labour Party, the less easy it is to maintain a conspiracy view of history. We will draw his name to the attention of the Home Secretary.

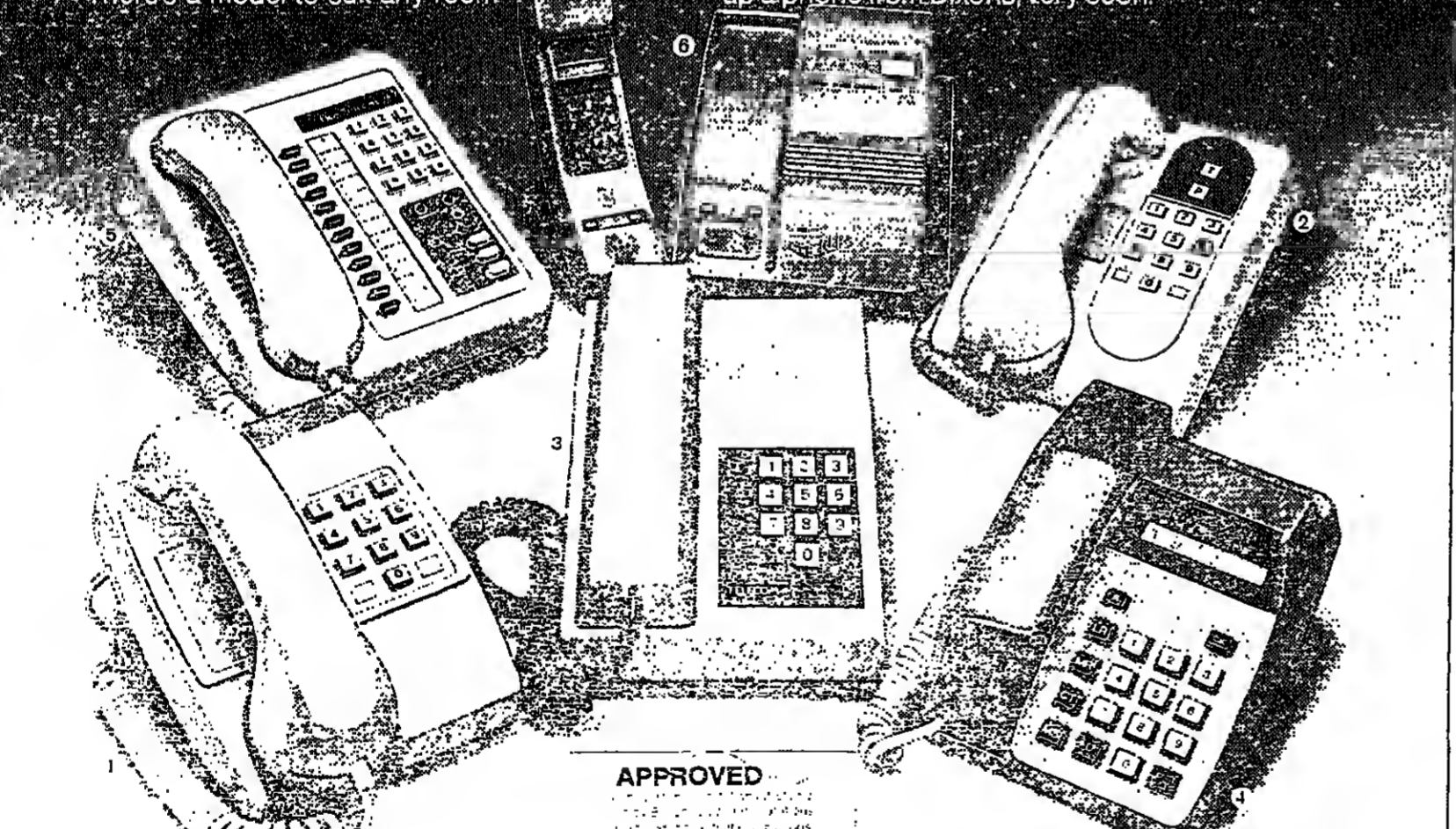
EEC Commission report attacked

The latest report by the European Commission on the EEC budget problem was described as "substantial and unacceptable", and the Government would say so, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister said.

She was answering Mr John Ward (Poole, C) who asked if she was aware of anger in the country at the latest attempt of the Brussels Commission to distort the figures for the Community budget.

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Preventing another straw inferno

HOUSE OF LORDS

A call for an outright ban on straw burning was rejected by Lord Belstead, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, when he replied to a debate in the House of Lords early today (Thursday). He said that outlets for the straw would suddenly appear just because of a ban on burning which would leave millions of tons of surplus straw laying rotting on the countryside awaiting disposal.

The Lord Alport (C), who opened the debate, said he was concerned with the existence of a public nuisance which could and should be stopped and by which a small minority of the community imposed an intolerable burden during a particular period of the year upon their neighbours and the public as a whole.

The National Farmers Union proposed strengthened code of conduct should be used to control straw and stubble burning for, say, three years and a system of licensing should be introduced. There should be a much improved and more extensive research effort into finding alternative use for straw, with particular reference to converting it into pulp for paper making, using the experience of other European countries such as Denmark.

The industry should be called upon to help by a levy on arable

land and at the end of three years, stubble and straw burning should be made illegal, with severe financial penalties.

Lady Siedman (SDP) said that however carefully a field was burnt there could be no avoiding sending ash and smut into the sky to fall miles away upon some unsuspecting and justifiable angry citizen and make a mess of washing and freshly painted houses. Industrialists were forced to spend money to reduce pollution, so why not farmers? The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Rev John Bickersteth, said they must tighten up and deal properly with the enforcing of a code of practice and make that code into law. Then the prosecutions must begin. Such figures as he had seen were patetically small.

Even those farmers who were brought to court face a maximum fine of only £1,000. The minimum penalty should probably be around the £5,000 mark. There was no mileage in an immediate ban on burning.

Lady Nicol (Lab) said stubble burning was probably acceptable if controlled. With the strength of law behind it, the NFU code would be effective in controlling stubble burning. If the Government's reply was unsatisfactory, there were many peers and MPs who were determined on action to prevent a repetition of this year's inferno.

Lord Wise (C) said that until other outlets were found a total ban on straw burning would create considerable and possibly insurmount-

able problems for farmers. There was a need for legislation or strengthened by-laws and much greater penalties.

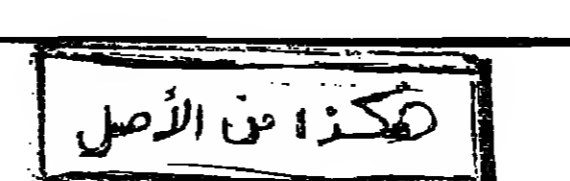
Viscount Mountgarret (C) said the suggestion that there should be legislation to enforce the NFU code of conduct probably went a little far. It was a genuine and timely farmers' observation to the bill.

Lord Belstead said the Government was concerned to do everything possible to prevent a recurrence of the damage and danger caused this year.

The experience of straw burning was regularly reviewed and because of the particular problem resulting from the unusual weather conditions in July, August and early September this year's review had been more detailed and properly based. The worrying picture that had emerged from the debate matched the outcome of the review.

Ways of improving the feeding value of straw, processing it into briquettes and making use of it for paper and board were already known, but the uptake of these developments was restricted. More district councils than ever before intended to prosecute for offences under by-laws this year. A great deal of research and development was being devoted to alternative uses for straw.

Parliament today
Commons (9.30): Video Recordings Bill, second reading.



Miners' leaders brush aside pleas for pay offer ballot

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders yesterday brushed aside appeals from the National Coal Board for an early ballot on the "final" 5.2 per cent pay offer and agreed to continue their two-week overtime ban indefinitely.

Despite rumblings from some moderates the National Union of Mineworkers' executive voted unanimously to keep up the limited industrial action that is costing the board £10m a week in lost output.

Mr Arthur Scargill, union president, said: "If anything, there is a hardening of attitudes".

Production is about 400,000 tonnes lower this week, but the coal board insists that all customers are being supplied and the industry is saving on the costs of adding unwanted coal to stock.

No further talks are planned on the board's "first and final" offer of basic rate increases ranging from £4.90 to £6.80 a week. The overtime ban is not due to be reviewed until the next monthly meeting of the national executive on December 8.

Nominations for a new general secretary will also close then. Voting will take place by secret ballot on January 10.

Heroin trade rise blamed on refugees

By Peter Evans and Hasan Akhtar

The Afghan crisis is being blamed in Pakistan as one reason for the big rise in heroin coming into Britain which was attacked by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, on Tuesday.

Afghan refugees who have fled to Pakistan have their trading partners over the border, part of a divided community struggling for survival.

But evidence has been produced by officials of the Narcotics Control Board to refute Lord Lane's charge that nothing was being done to stop the trade in Pakistan.

"I wait, so far in vain," he said on Tuesday, "for any indication that steps are being taken at any level to stop this flood of death at its source".

The officials say the reoccurring poppy yield of a few years ago has been reduced tenfold, measures to control drugs have already resulted in violent resistance and new penalties are now being contemplated by the Pakistani Government.

It has sought the help of tribal chiefs of the North West Frontier Province to secure the dismantling of about 30 laboratories producing heroin.

The government is considering raising the maximum penalty for drugs possession and trafficking from the present three years hard labour in jail to life imprisonment.

British customs officials said that last year the Indian sub-continent and in particular Pakistan accounted for 84 per cent of the total heroin seized



Age of technology: Mr Harold Macmillan, aged 89, the former Prime Minister, with Sir Clive Sinclair, the inventor in London yesterday to launch a range of educational computer software for children. The programmes, using animal characters and lively games, will help children aged five to

seven learn to read, using a combination of fun and work. Another set of programmes will explain scientific ideas to eight to 12 year olds. The software will be on sale before Christmas after a business deal signed between Macmillan Educational and Sinclair Research.

Future of Kenwood House in dispute

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Hampstead Heath's best known sight, Robert Adams' Kenwood House, is once more at the centre of controversy over its future.

Lord Moynie, the grandson of Lord Iveagh who left the house to the nation on his death in 1928, has pledged his opposition to government plans to transfer control of the house to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The future control of Kenwood is in doubt because of the Government's proposal to scrap

the Greater London Council which now runs it. The GLC is no favourite of the Friends of Kenwood, largely through a vague threat to sell off some of its valuable art collection to raise money for social purposes two years ago, but the pressure group wants to establish the house under independent control.

Lord Moynie, the poet, novelist, and playwright Bryan Guinness, will be among a deputation from the Friends of

Kenwood to the Arts Minister, Lord Gowrie, on November 23. "I feel that my grandfather, in leaving Kenwood to the nation when our private funds were inadequate to maintain it, meant it to go to a public authority."

"No small local government body would be able to fund it. Therefore the right solution, if there is to be no GLC, is that it should be funded by central government and have its own body of trustees."

'Shamateur' libel award quashed

J P R Williams, the Welsh rugby player, had his £20,000 libel damages over allegations of "shamateurism" taken away by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The award, made by a High Court jury last year, was quashed and a new action was ordered, at which fresh evidence will be heard alleging that Mr Williams received "boot money" for wearing Adidas products.

At the libel hearing it had been alleged that he had infringed his amateur status by planning to keep the cash from the sale of his book, *JPR - an Autobiography*.

After a four-day hearing the jury accepted his claim that it has been his intention to give the money to charity and set up a trust to open a sports clinic in his home town of Bridgend.

The damages were awarded against *The Daily Telegraph*, its former rugby writer, John Reason, and its editor, Mr William Deedes, who denied libel in two articles in February and March, 1979, under the headings "JPR's gain may be Wales' loss" and "The board should act now to halt shamateurism".

Lord Justice Stephenson, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Purchas, said yesterday the appeal would be allowed and a new action ordered because of misdirections to the jury by the trial judge Mr Justice Russell.

The allegation was denied by Mr Williams, aged 33, now an orthopaedic surgeon.

Child found after car hijack

Mrs Christine Mitchell, aged 38, was forced from her car in Stockport, Greater Manchester, yesterday by a youth carrying a shotgun who had stolen £2,500 in wages and who escaped with her daughter Zara, aged two, still in the back seat.

The youth had grabbed the money from two employees from Ironside Lubricants in Stockport as they carried it into the company's offices yesterday morning. He jumped into a vehicle, which crashed as he tried to escape. He then forced a red Simca saloon to stop, ordered the woman driver to get out, and drive away. The child was found safe and well about an hour later wandering in the street in Offerton, about two miles away.

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Welsh blaze

Police are treating as suspicious a fire yesterday which severely damaged a 200-year-old cottage at Langdown, near Aberffraw, on Anglesey, which was used as a second home by Mr Charles Wyatt Warren, a Welsh artist.

Soldiers hurt

Six soldiers aged 17 and 18 were seriously hurt yesterday in an accident in fog on the A1 near Carterick, Gamison, North Yorkshire. Their lorry and a coach were involved in a collision.

Laker case can go to Lords

The liquidator of Laker Airways was yesterday given leave to appeal to the House of Lords against a ruling that he must drop British Airways and British Caledonian from an anti-trust action being brought against them in the United States.

Lord Diplock, sitting with Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, gave the liquidator, Mr Christopher Morris, of the accountants, Touche Ross, leave to challenge the Court of Appeal decision in July granting the airlines an injunction ordering Laker do its best to "procure" that the two were dropped from the action.

The US action, in which seven other international airlines are being sued for more than \$1,000m (£660m) damages, alleges that Sir Freddie Laker's Skytrain operation which offered cut-price transatlantic flights, crashed because of a conspiracy by competitors.

Laker was also given leave to argue his claim that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry overstepped his powers in making an order under the Protection of Trading Interest Act, 1980, which effectively prevented the two British airlines complying with any orders made against them in America.

Ex-footballer is jailed

Dave Smith, the former Scotland, Rangers and Aberdeen footballer, aged 39, was jailed for three years by the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for embezzling £49,000, while working as a credit controller with an Aberdeen timber merchant.

The court was told that Smith, of Bredero Drive, Banochry, Aberdeenshire, lost the money gambling. Since his early twenties he had lost £200,000 through his gambling addiction.

Sportsmen shoot back at critics

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Official conservation bodies were criticized yesterday for ignoring the role of sporting interests in preserving the countryside and its wildlife.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation believes that it is time for the millions of people who enjoy field sports to take the offensive against what it calls a vociferous minority determined to abolish them.

But it also feels that sportsmen are being cold-shouldered by the environmental quangos, perhaps because the latter do not want to be seen to be associated with hunting and shooting.

Mr John Anderson, the association's director, said yesterday that *The Conservation and Development Programme for the United Kingdom*, published last June, devoted less than one of its 496 pages to the significance of game and sporting interests.

The document, the official British response to the United Nations World Conservation Strategy, and was largely the work of bodies such as the World Wildlife Fund, the Countryside Commission, the Nature Conservancy Council and the Royal Society of Arts.

"We think that this great study would have been much better if it had addressed itself fully, and without apparent political bias, towards all the rural resources users, not just an accepted and selected few," Mr Anderson said.

Contrary to popular belief, shooting sportsmen were drawn from all walks of life.

Mr John Swift, the association's director of conservation research, pointed out that less than 10 per cent of the 50 million acres of rural land in Britain was conserved by public bodies.

The remainder was in the hands of private and institutional landowners and their tenants.

Eurocommunists widen party conflict

By Rupert Morris

The most serious ideological rift for many years within the Communist Party of Great Britain widened yesterday with the publication of resolutions for the party's thirty-eighth congress, to be held at Hammersmith Town Hall, west London, at the weekend.

Although the party's membership has declined over the past year from 18,458 to 15,691, it remains a potent force within the union movement, and any substantial policy change might have far-reaching implications for British industry.

The central conflict, which has been simmering for several months, is between the traditionalists on the hard left who believe in mobilizing the industrial working class, and the Eurocommunists who wish to spread the party's message through the peace movements, women's organizations and other contemporary lobby groups.

The Eurocommunists, who describe their internal opposition as "sectarian", have a majority on the party executive and wish to see the party's newspaper, the *Morning Star*, give unequivocal support to the executive's views. They also want to have a say in the managerial affairs of the newspaper.

To that end, the leadership is not proposing to endorse the nomination for executive seats of Mr Tony Chater, the *Morning Star* editor; Mr David Whitfield, his deputy; and Mr Mick Costello, the paper's industrial correspondent.

Instead it will be supporting Mr Chris Myant, an assistant editor, and Mr Frank Chalmers, an editorial assistant. These moves will be fiercely resisted, however, by a group of activists led by Mr Costello, until recently the party's industrial organizer; Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed BL shop steward; and Mr Kenneth Gill, general secretary of Tass, the white-collar section of the engineering workers' union.

They believe that by espousing "trendy" causes and neglecting potential support within the trade unions, the party leadership is playing into the hands of employers and the Government.

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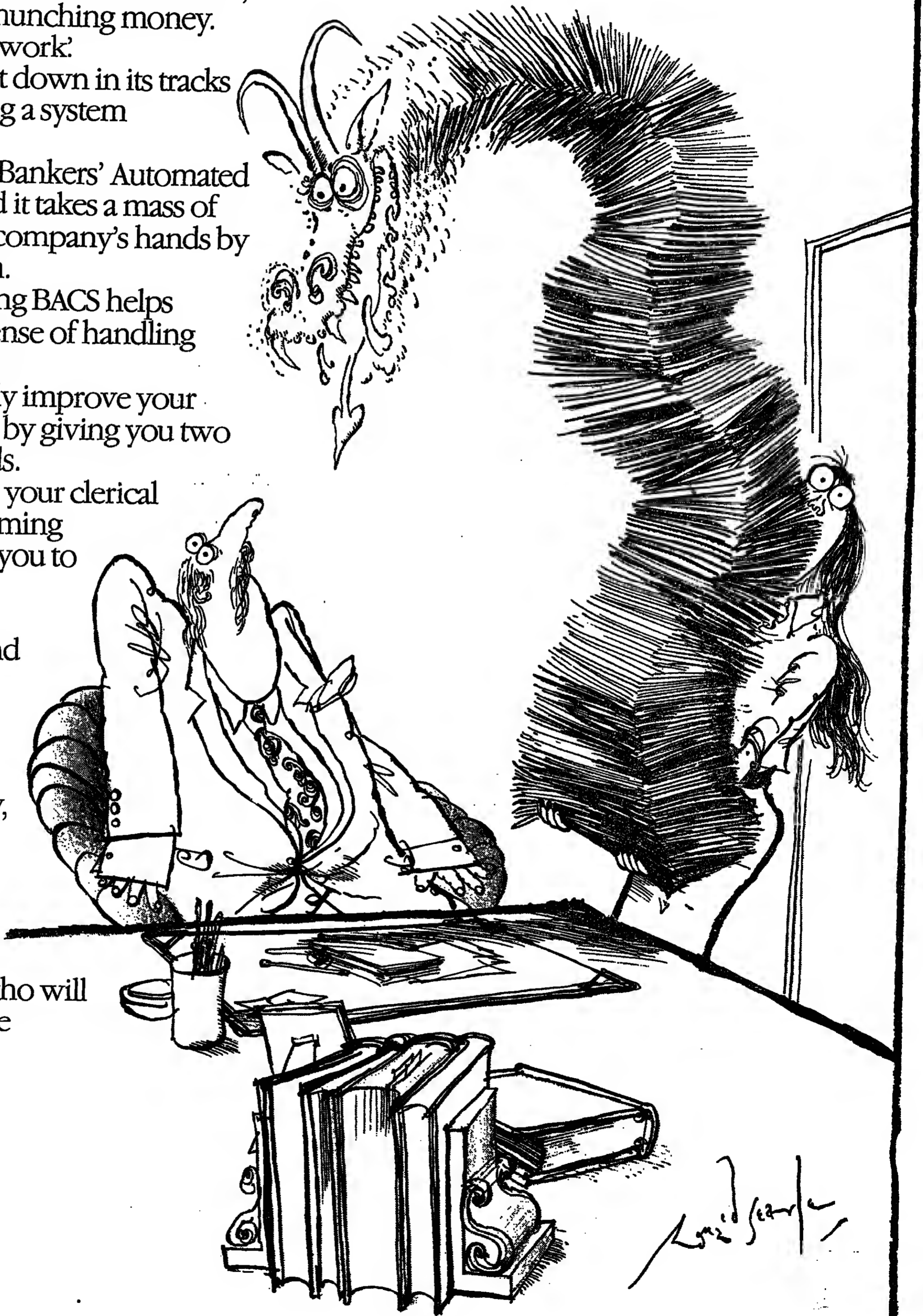
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The Grenada aftermath

Americans wonder how long to stay

From Trevor Fishlock, St George's, Grenada

It seemed straightforward: American troops in, a rotten government destroyed, a time of fear ended, Cubans expelled and an interim administration installed to hold the ring until elections can be held.

But both the Americans and the interim administration face a tangle of difficulties. Grenada's funds are low and its economy weak. It badly needs help.

The crucial question for the Americans is how long to stay before their welcome begins to fray and how much money to pump in to help to regenerate the economy without making the island dependent. They have to strike a balance between obligation, economic first aid and the long-term interests both of themselves and the islanders.

They also have to decide quickly on the future of the half-built airport that President Reagan saw as a Cuba-Soviet base and a threat to his country, but which many Grenadians believe is a vital component of their economic advance.

The queues of people waiting to see bank managers in St George's are evidence of the anxiety many Grenadians feel. After the terrible day of October 19, when crowds were fired on by soldiers, and Mr Maurice Bishop, the former Prime Minister, was killed, people

rushed to the banks to withdraw their money.

Inflation is about 15 per cent and people seek and usually get more time to pay back loans. The sharp decline in business and loss of income during the crisis will reduce tax revenues. The recent upheaval may also damage the tourist business.

The Bishop Government went in for a number of expensive projects to improve the economy and had to increase taxes. It also set much store by the airport at Point Salines, due for completion next spring. The island has only a small airport, at Pearis, and the new one was seen as vital for exploiting the tourist potential of an exquisitely beautiful island. It was expected that more hotels and better roads would follow.

Cubans were doing much of the construction work and the British company, Plessey, had an £8.5m contract to install radar and navigation aids, air-conditioning and other equipment. Some of the delicate equipment stores at the site was damaged during the invasion.

Point Salines is now a secure military base and has been the scene of the largest American military operation since the Vietnam war. The Americans may want to retain a strong presence there.

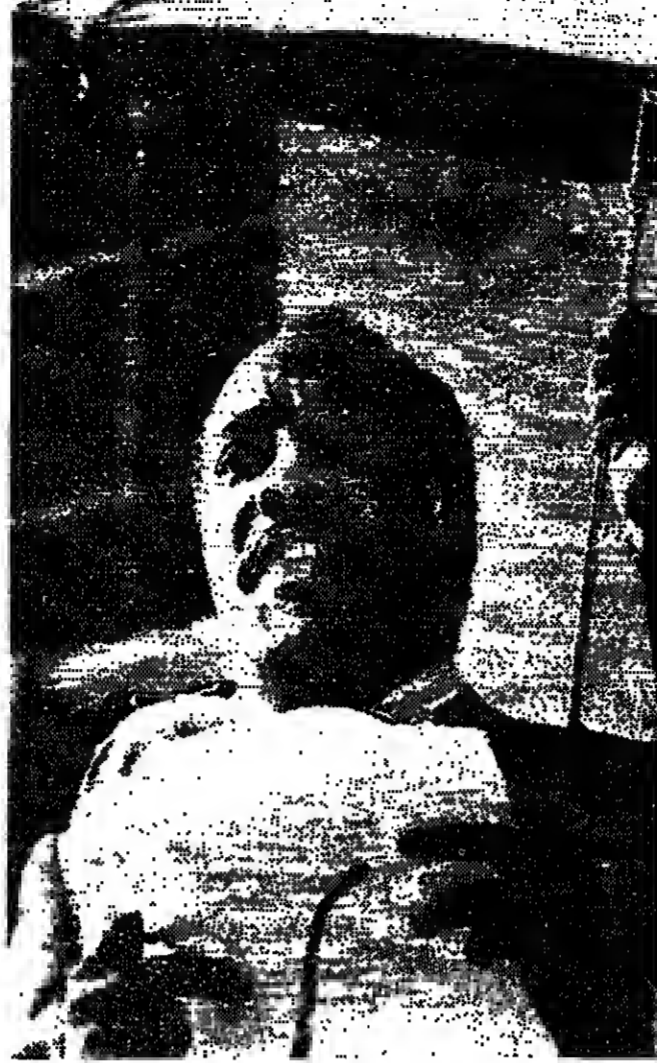
The 9,000ft runway that Mr

Reagan saw as ideal for Russian and Cuban military aircraft, but which is the minimum length for large airlines, is at a crucial stage of construction. It lacks a final sealing coat of bitumen. Without it rain will penetrate the runway and crack it, a process that will be hastened by the landing of heavy military aircraft. The runway could be ruined in three months.

The airport question is regarded as a test of American intentions. For the time being the soldiers are welcome liberators and no one seems to find the road checks irksome. But perceptions may change and the Americans are already being warned that once euphoria wears off resentment could set in.

People are dismayed, for example, that the army claims office set up on the quayside here does not entertain claims for damage caused during fighting. It deals with such things as claims resulting from crashes between Grenadian cars and army lorries.

The Americans, extrication from Grenada is a delicate matter. The timetable of withdrawal, the question of whether they should have a permanent military presence, and the allocation of aid have to be just right. Otherwise the atmosphere may sour and Grenada may become a thorn.



Sir Paul Scoon, the Grenada Governor-General, braves heavy rain to announce an interim government.

Spain and Portugal meet to mend fences

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González and Dr Mario Soares, the prime ministers of Spain and Portugal, meet today in Lisbon to try to launch a new spirit of collaboration between the two nations, neighbours "with their backs to each other".

There are big trading problems, and Señor González is taking a team of ministers, including Señor Miguel Boyer (Economics and Finance) to the two-day summit.

Relations, at their lowest ebb for decades, are more than a challenge for the two Socialist prime ministers and the poverty of economic, political and cultural contacts are a matter of shame.

Many Portuguese, Dr Soares has warned the Spaniards, still mistrust their higher neighbour, from whom they achieved independence only in the seventeenth century. The first step suggested for the talks was rejected because a monument to the independence struggle stands outside.

Before departing, Señor González floated the idea of dismantling all tariff barriers but Dr Soares replied that a Benetton-style relationship was "too imaginative".

Both almost daily proclaim their impatience to join the EEC. Yet neither has felt able to emulate Ireland, which prepared for membership by negotiating a free-trade agreement with Britain.

For years, Spain has been Portugal's thirteenth-ranking customer. There are few Portuguese banks in Madrid and still no bridge over the Guadiana river between Andalusia and southern Portugal.

The trade framework established in 1980 between Spain and Portugal, with EEC entry in mind, soon ran into difficulties as Spain's exports, chiefly industrial goods, rapidly grew, while Portugal's, mainly raw materials and textiles, declined initially.

By going slow on licences, Portugal, in the first nine months of this year, reduced Spain's exports to £172m, against £290m for 1982, while pushing its exports to Spain up to £79m, against £72m for all of last year. By such tactics Portugal hopes to induce Spain to go on lowering its tariff barriers.

Portugal has stonewalled on renewing a fishing agreement, fining all Spanish vessels caught "trespassing". Behind a conservative argument lies the fact that Spanish boats are more efficient.

Tinkering with the system

Illness and inertia hold back efficiency drive

Richard Owen, Moscow Correspondent, concludes his examination of Soviet policies a year after the death of Brezhnev with a report on the home front.

When the Korean airliner was shot down over Sakhalin - taking with it hopes for an East-West thaw - President Andropov was on holiday in the Caucasus.

He returned to Moscow, but, according to some reports, much of the handling (or mishandling) of the crisis was left to two lieutenants: Marshal Dmitry Ustinov and Mr Konstantin Chernenko.

Mr Andropov's prolonged absence and his incapacitating illness have cast doubt on his political future.

He has never acquired dictatorial powers, but his authority remains unchallenged: he holds the three vital posts of party leader, head of state and chairman of the Defence Council (an appointment announced obliquely by Marshal Ustinov in May).

It took his predecessor years to go so far. But the combination of poor health and bureaucratic obstruction have slowed Mr Andropov down, leaving him unable to steamroller through the economic and administrative reforms he initially outlined.

Preoccupation with the arms question has also taken some of the steam out of his drive for efficiency and discipline.

A year ago Mr Andropov pinpointed the drift and stagnation of the Brezhnev years. This has been followed by modest innovations in agriculture, including a "contract" system of payment by results. Food supplies have improved. In July, Mr Andropov announced a "limited industrial experiment", giving managers in selected industries a degree of autonomy.

But these moves towards a scaled-down version of the Hungarian reforms have run into opposition from the old guard. They have also been attacked by those who think they do not go far enough.

Mr Andropov said the time had come for action, not talk; but a Kremlin research paper leaked in August called for radical action, including decentralization and hints of market socialism.

Mr Andropov favours tinkering with the system rather than fundamental change. Yet even

his cautious thrust towards reform is being blocked by officials more used to the homogeneity of the later Brezhnev years.

Such changes, it is thought, to Mr Chernenko, who led the leadership battle a year ago but is still at the top. He is longer, leaner, and powerful "general department" and Andropov aides have moved into other key party positions.

Mr Chernenko is seen as a lightweight figure, yet he is acting head of the Politburo in Mr Andropov's absence, receives foreign delegations and writes prominent articles on ideology.

Some sources say that if Mr Andropov recovers from his illness - there are unconfirmed reports that he has had a kidney operation - and takes firm command he will be in a position to take stronger measures next year.

He has the armed forces on his side and the KGB - his former foe - has increased its political influence over the past year (a side-effect being an almost Stalinist crackdown on dissent and heresy in the arts).

But Mr Andropov has made no changes to the Politburo and all eyes are now on the next Central Committee plenum, expected at the beginning of next month.

Local party elections are being used to winkle out Brezhnev men and pave the way for an altered Central Committee, with perhaps as many as 30 to 40 per cent of the provincial party secretaries being replaced.

Manoeuvring for the succession has already begun and will intensify if Mr Andropov is not well enough to guide and address the Central Committee plenum.

Mr Grigoriy Romanov, the tough Leningrad party boss who was moved to Moscow as a party secretary in June, is the favourite, with Mr Geidar Aliyev and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev not far behind.

Mr Romanov and Mr Gorbachev are both Russians and both Central Committee secretaries as well as Politburo members. Mr Aliyev, who joined the Politburo last November, is the former KGB chief and party leader in Azerbaijan.

Mr Andropov, who is aware of the vigorous and impressive generation of future leaders coming up behind him, chose Mr Romanov and Mr Gorbachev to accompany him this summer when he addressed party veterans on the theme of youth and communism.

He must hope that the legacy he leaves, then, will lay the basis for a less-corrupt and more prosperous system. Equally, he must hope he will have more than one year in which to tackle the undergrowth of inertia and incompetence which he identified as the enemy when he came to power. Concluded



ANDROPOV'S FIRST YEAR Part 2

Reagan's argument persuades Japan

From David Watts, Tokyo

The United States has won significant commitments from Japan which should lead to some liberalization of the Japanese economy and pave the way for the emergence of the yen as an international currency. Washington believes that the measures should strengthen the yen, making Japanese products less competitive and easing the enormous Japanese-US trade imbalance.

The measures, however, will need approval by the Diet and the ability of Japan to deliver results is complicated by the fact that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, is expected to go to the polls by the end of this year.

President Reagan has promised the Japanese that SS20 missiles in the Soviet Far East will receive equal consideration in arms negotiations to those aimed at Europe and the United States. His promise comes amid fresh evidence that the Soviet Union plans to build up its deployment of SS20s in central Siberia and the Far East above the 108 already in place.

According to press statements after their second round of talks, the President told the Japanese Prime Minister: "The US will take no action in the intermediate nuclear forces negotiations that adversely affects the security of Asia".

That assurance was one of the few detailed public references to defence issues.

Fight for power in Salvador vacuum

From John Carlin, San Salvador

The climate in El Salvador has been heavy with reports of attempted coups in recent days as factions in the armed forces become increasingly restless at the country's political and military stagnation.

Signs from the right that they were poised to revert to time-honoured methods of seizing power provoked some frenzied backroom manoeuvres last Friday among moderate military officers planning what has been described as a "pre-emptive coup".

But well-informed sources here say that the US Embassy applied pressure to veto a scheme which would have put in doubt the legitimacy of Washington's moral and military commitment to a country it considers strategically vital.

Retired General Jaime Abdul Gutiérrez, member of the military-civilian Government from 1979 to 1982, denied this week that he had led Friday's coup attempt.

But he then proceeded to lash the Government for "taking the country into chaos", complaining of a total absence of efficient leadership in both the political and military areas.

With the war going badly for government forces and the country politically a vacuum, Dr Alvar Magaña's title of Provisional President, which he

has held since the election in March last year, has never seemed so appropriate.

Under the direction of the extreme right-wing Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, El Salvador's Constituent Assembly has been floundering in attempts to draw up a new constitution before the elections due next year.

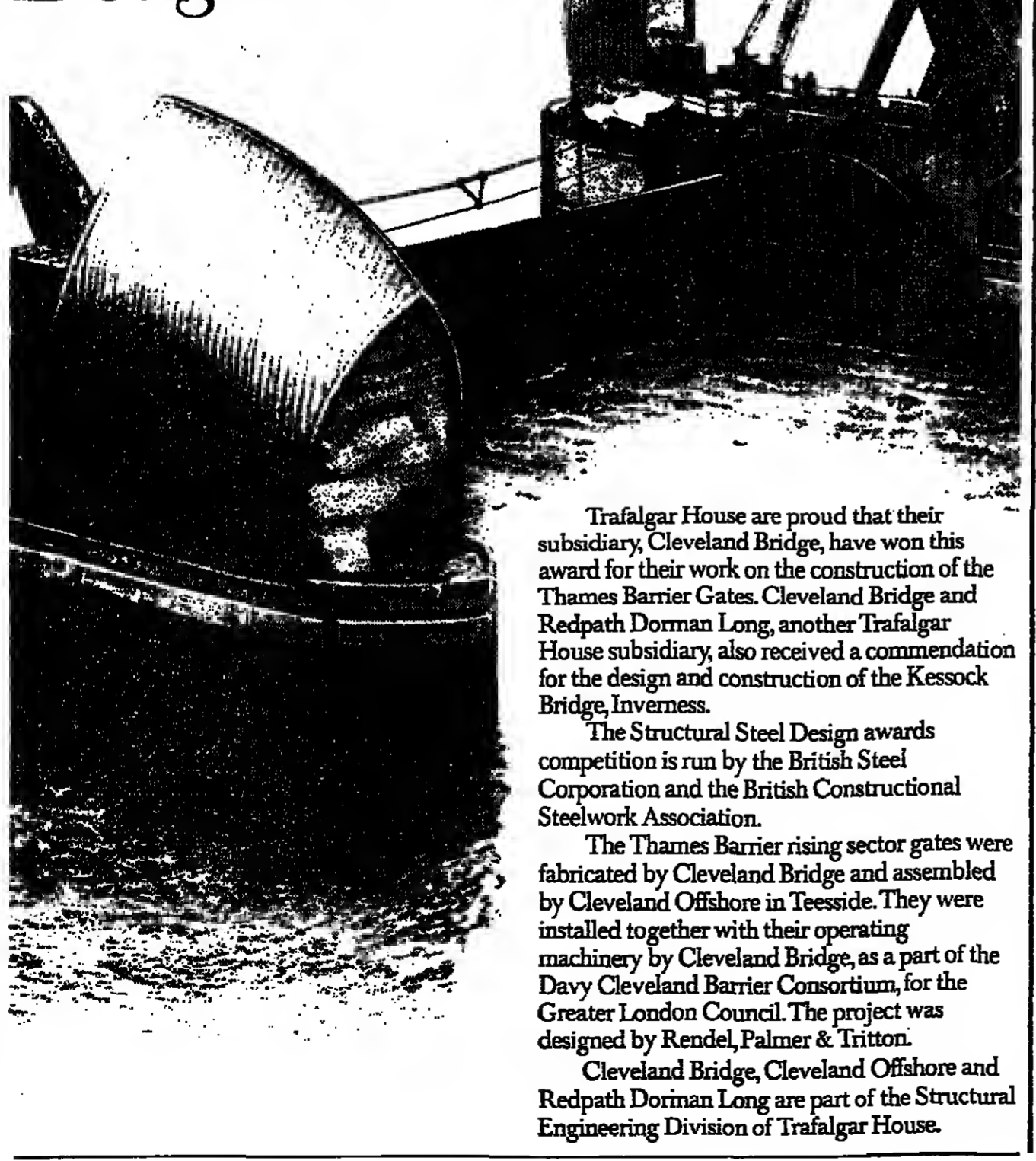
The lack of a clear political direction has led the right to step up the activity of its death squads lately, as a means of imposing its political will in such key areas as land reform and trade union activity.

The victims of the death squads in the last two months of well-publicized political assassinations have been chiefly labour activists and rural cooperative workers.

The 7,000-strong rebel army, the FMLN, has palpably taken the initiative in the four-year civil war, prompting military officers to pin the blame on weak central government.

Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, commander of El Salvador's elite American-trained Atlacatl battalion, said in an interview on Wednesday that most of his fellow officers were "frustrated at the slow, directionless political process. This is no time for political party squabbles", he said.

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Brazil pushes through law to curb wages

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

After a tumultuous 10-hour session, ending at 4.30am on Wednesday, the Brazilian Congress finally approved the controversial decree which limits future wage increases to less than the inflation rate.

Two earlier decrees had been rejected by Congress, but on this occasion all government party members were obliged to vote in favour, and all but one were in Brasília to do so.

The new law opens the way for the IMF to release its delayed loans to Brazil, and for the private banks to start lending again.

Wage rises will now be kept below the inflation rate for all except those earning less than about £120 a month, on a sliding scale.

This means that the total wage bill should rise by 12.5 per cent less than inflation during the next year, forcing the rate down.

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Bonn defiant over EEC beer order

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

Bonn is prepared to go to the European Court in Luxembourg to uphold West Germany's 49 per cent year-old beer purity law, on health grounds, against imports of "adulterated" foreign beers ordered by the European Commission.

Dr Heiner Geissler, the Health Minister, yesterday told a brewers' convention in Nuremberg that "our beer law says it may be made only from hops, malt, yeast and water."

This means that neither rice nor maize, nor chemical substances to create a decent froth in a glass may be employed. All other EEC members allow that, with the exception of Greece.

"... We have defended the law from the start and we shall go on doing it and, if need be, not shy away from going to the European Court."

The European Commission claims the German law, which dates from 1493, infringes the Treaty of Rome, which forbids import restrictions.

Fears for priest held in Ciskei

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Concern is growing here about the fate of Father Smanagalis Mkhatsheba, the black General Secretary of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference who was arrested by Ciskei security police on October 30 and has not been heard of since.

Attempts by the conference to find out his whereabouts and the reasons for his arrest have failed. Bishop John Murphy of Port Elizabeth, the diocese which includes Ciskei, had made three requests for a meeting with the Ciskeian Minister of Justice, but all have been turned down.

Father Mkhatsheba was arrested after attending a prayer meeting organized by Christian students at the University of Fort Hare, the most famous black university in South Africa. The meeting was called mainly to mourn the death last month of five students at the University of Zululand.

Ramphal attacks US aid cuts

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Williamsburg economic summit sterner mood of confrontation in the world and a fall in the level of tolerance, as the superpowers have moved further apart in "mutual suspicion and accusation."

The Secretary-General goes on: "The arms race has been stepped up, draining even more resources from a world economy where want is increasing and where more people are facing absolute poverty. And while world trade has contracted, the arms race has soared."

Shrinking markets have led to economic insecurity. Output has dropped, jobs have been lost and confidence has waned in the ability of governments to control events.

Unemployment has passed levels thought "politically intolerable and morally unacceptable" 10 years ago and continues to rise. Among those worst hit have been the young, with a quarter of a whole generation leaving school to face life on the dole. Social services, he says, are being squeezed.

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£ 7,000	£ 67.08	£20,000	£191.67
£ 8,000	£ 76.67	£21,000	£201.25
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	3 months' notice of repayment	6 months' notice of repayment
Repayment before the first anniversary of purchase	No interest in respect of any period	Interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date of repayment
Repayment on or after the first anniversary of purchase	Interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date the notice of repayment is received at the Bonds and Stock Office	Interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase to the date of repayment

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made after the death of the sole or sole surviving registered holder no fixed period of notice is required and the Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment occurs before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accom-

panied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond, the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

7 Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post.

MINORS

8 A Bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, will not be repayable, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

TRANSFER

9 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond will only be allowed in an amount of £1,000 or multiple of that sum and will not be allowed if the holding of the transferee or transferees would thereby be outside the holding limits imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent in the case of, for example, devolution of Bonds on the death of a holder but not to any proposed transfer which is by way of sale or for any consideration.

NOTICE

10 The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 10 of the prospectus in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any other manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

GUARANTEED LIFE OF BONDS

11 Each Bond may be held for a guaranteed initial period of 10 years from the first interest date after the date of purchase. Thereafter interest will continue to be payable under the terms of the prospectus until the redemption of the Bond. The Bond will be redeemed at par either at the end of the guaranteed initial period or on any interest date thereafter in either case upon the giving of six months' notice by the Treasury. The Director of Savings will write to the Bondholder before redemption, at the last recorded address for his Bondholding, informing him of the date of redemption notified by the Treasury.

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Address (including postcode)

Day Month Year

3 Name of Trust (if applicable) Date of Birth (if under 7)

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Name
Address

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Bank
Address
A/c Name(s) A/c No

6 Signature(s) Date

FRIDAY PAGE

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TALKBACK

'Meal ticket' in bad taste

From Mrs Virginia Smith, 16 Magazine Place, Leatherhead, Surrey. Re Comment "Meal Tickets - the Law will Provide" (Friday Page, November 4) I find the expression "meal ticket" distasteful. On divorce, my marital home was sold. My half of the proceeds was put down as a deposit on a smaller house for me and our two daughters, of whom I was given care and control. My maintenance is paid in the form of the mortgage repayments as this was the only way I could purchase a home for us. I have worked full-time since before the divorce. With unemployment as it is, our daughters may live at home for some years to come. Is it really going to help them if we have to leave our home once the youngest is 16? I have bought up the children of the marriage virtually single-handed. Why should their father be given leave to cast off all responsibility towards them? They go on existing.

Industrial relations

From John Harper, Peter Ambrose and Richard Pemberton, The University of Sussex Falmer, Brighton. Our research into the effects of divorce on men adds weight to the need for industry and commerce to support the study of the causes of marital breakdown. In our sample of 92 men, two-thirds assessed the effects on their work as serious or disastrous, mostly due to problems of stress-related ill health and accommodation. A quarter of these judged the effects to be permanent. Over half the men rated their work colleagues and employers as particularly helpful and supportive with the low level of value attached to the official helping agencies, not approached by many men. We argue that more attention should be given to using the workplace to provide primary support advice and information and as a point of referral for more serious cases. It is evident that many men's problems worsen the longer they suffer in silence and the longer costs to them and to their employers increase proportionately.

Rachel Cullen looks at the feminist press and the impact it has on the thinking of women

Most women these days are, at least in a lukewarm and personal fashion, feminists. We demand responsibility for our own tax returns, make informed choices about the birth of our babies, raise hell over sexual harassment at work. And raising our awareness even further are the myriad feminist magazines that have appeared over the last decade. Most of their circulations are small, but there are so many that collectively they make quite an impact. The more amateurish or *outré* spring up and wilt before wholefood collectives or Polytech libraries have even caught up with them, but some are stayers. *Spare Rib* has been around for more than ten years and has burrowed its way into the lives of women who at one time would not have dreamed of looking inside its covers. It sells 30,000 copies a month and distribution is erratic. In rural areas just getting hold of a copy can be quite a task. Even so, feminist magazines are becoming more available throughout the country as women's groups proliferate. There are special interest publications for women working in the arts, for lesbians, there are those that drip with magic and mysticism, those devoted to feminist poetry and some so radical that their editors forbid showing them to men. Almost all of them make extensive use of readers' letters, which are fascinating reading. Ten years ago the letters were either horror stories of male oppression or, more commonly, fan-mail of the "Dear

Sisters, without this mag my life would be a desert" variety. While there is still plainly quite a lot of male oppression for sisters to share, the gushing praise has given way to violent argument and frequent threats to cancel subscriptions. It is as bewildering as intruding on a major family row, and as compulsive. Feminist Zionists are at the throats of feminist pro-Palestinians, black radicals are refusing offers of solidarity from white, lesbian and heterosexual women and each feel that the others get more sympathy from the women's press. There is evident pain and hurt in the thrashing out of these issues, which are seen as dangerous dividers of women and potential destroyers of the Cause. In political terms within the Women's Liberation Movement these divisions may well be dynamic, but the fury of the quarrels has given to British feminist magazines an acid vitality that is missing in more cosy transatlantic publications. *Big Mama Rag*, available in this country is a tabloid newspaper published in Denver, Colorado. Despite the exotic charm of advertisements for the Boulder Lesbian and the Big Mountain Survival Gathering the editorial tone is positively cosy. *Big Mama Rag* is distributed free to all women prisoners in American jails. I cannot help wondering what they make of its ellybub tone. There was a time when all the British editorial collectives (these

periodicals all seem to be produced by co-operatives) consisted of women called Liz, Maggi and Anni, all very middle-class though evidently liberated from their Royalist mothers. This led to alliances between the primary loyalty of the magazine and other worthy, liberal, middle-class causes. The explosive arrival of black and working-class women into feminism is changing this, but it lingers in some magazines such as *Sequel*, "A non-profit, bi-monthly magazine for isolated lesbians". It clearly fulfils a need, and its short stories, poems and cartoons are streets ahead of the polemic that passes for art in most feminist circles. All the same its readers are reminded inside the front cover that "Sequel" reflects our support of ecology, the animal liberation movement and we encourage vegetarianism and veganism". There may somewhere be a journal for meat-eating lesbians who use shame-poops tested on rabbits, but I have not come across it. Divisiveness on this level is a vicarage garden party compared with the splits along lines of class and race that are threatening to tear apart even the long-established *Spare Rib*. One minor mercy in this bitter wrangle is that the readers of the magazines are too furious to tinker about with language in a way once obligatory: the irritating

How to dismantle a marriage without the bitterness



David and Jane, a nice, handsome, middle-class couple living in stockbroker-belt Surrey, had been divorced the day I interviewed them. They had been to court that morning for a judge to grant a decree nisi and to ratify a joint agreement over the future of their two children. But only a few weeks ago such an amicable settlement seemed impossible. They were, in David's words, well on the road to a long, bitter, and expensive High Court battle. At the turn of the year, Jane had said she wanted a divorce, so that she could marry someone else. For David it was "a bolt from the blue - divorce was always something that happened to other people". But they were both determined to do the best for their children - to try to reach an agreement over them first, before arguing about the house and the money. However, they quickly found this laudable aim obscured as the legal process swung into action. "One quickly reaches the stage where one doesn't trust the other", Jane says. "The formal language used by the solicitors seems to make it all worse, somehow." There was conflict over the

children's education. David wanted them to go to private schools; the eldest is already at a boarding school. Another difference arose over the question of which parent the children should live with. Jane's solicitor was against her giving up care and control of their eldest son. In spite of their determination not to let the divorce affect the children, their wrangling was beginning to upset them, too. "If we had gone on to fight a court battle over them it would have been dreadful", David says. "As it was, our eldest son was getting worried. He heard at school about things like welfare reports from other children whose parents had divorced. I think he half expected a judge to come swooping in through the door wearing long robes and a funny cap." David's solicitors suggested they should consult the Surrey Family Conciliation Service at Dorling. Neither at that stage knew it existed. They went separately, then together. Within a few weeks they had come to a written arrangement that satisfied them both. According to Sue Gilpin, their

counsellor, they both basically wanted the same sort of thing for their children but, as with so many well-meaning parents, the emotional upheaval caused by the rift made it very difficult for them to find common ground. Jane and David think a court hearing would have produced an agreement similar to that reached through conciliation - but at an appalling cost in terms of bitterness as well as money. The Government, however, has yet to be convinced that organizations such as the Surrey Family Conciliation Service should be given financial backing. In the past few years about 40 conciliation groups have sprung up around Britain. The "out of court" conciliation services are independent of the legal process, and those who run them believe they provide a more humane and possibly cheaper way of dealing with the custody and access disputes arising from 160,000 divorces a year. Bruce Pearce is a divorce court welfare officer who helped found the Surrey service and is chairman of

No more need to fear a wasp sting

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Wasp stings, although painful and unpleasant, are not usually dangerous. But there are people who suffer a severe allergic reaction to a wasp sting; symptoms may range from a high fever to general swelling and difficulty in breathing. Tragically, several people die every year as a result of a sting. For nearly a decade, techniques have been available for desensitizing these vulnerable people but, since the process involves introducing the natural venom into the bloodstream, it must be done extremely carefully. Work in Holland with 11 patients with previous experience of a severe allergic reaction to wasp stings, reported in the *British Medical Journal*, has shown that initial desensitization can be completed in as little as six hours. During such a period the patients were injected with venom to four wasp stings but, apart from local swelling and pain at the injection spot, their temperatures did not even rise. Four weeks later, the patients bravely agreed to have wasps placed under their arms. The treatment gave complete protection two years later, although the group had received regular boosters, all were still safe. Five of the group had been stung in two years but they were no more affected than "normal" people. The researchers now say they have successfully treated 60 patients, for both wasp and bee stings, but they are still puzzled why their patients do not suffer a massive generalized reaction when the venom is introduced in such a short space of time.

Unsettling Replacing an employee who breaks down while working abroad can cost a company as much as £50,000, so finding the right person for the job and checking that he or she is fit is much more important than when filling a post in Britain. Stress when working abroad is a comparatively new area of medical research. A symposium on the in the subject was held in London recently, but there is only one published study, from the United States in 1979, which suggested that as many as 30 per cent of employees do not finish their contracts because of illness. Dr Ricky Caplan, senior registrar in psychiatry at St George's Hospital, south London, has just started a study, which is to last about three years, to discover how 50 couples cope with living and working overseas. But he has already come across companies which care little for the welfare of their staff and as many as 70 per cent of those employees return home before their contracts expire. At the other end of the scale, companies which provide support for their employees are unlikely to lose more than 10 per cent of staff through physical or emotional illness, he believes. "When people start new jobs at home they have friends and family to turn to when they are under stress, but this network doesn't exist abroad. People have to cope with the new job, a change in lifestyle and a strange culture," Dr Caplan observes. Good companies, he adds, make arrangements to ensure that new employees settle in well and are introduced to other expatriates as soon as they arrive. Dr Caplan gives one illustration of why it is important not to underestimate the pressures of working abroad. It comes from a study of admissions to the Hospital for Tropical Dis-

eases in London. The survey revealed that nearly 50 per cent of patients suffered from psychosomatic illness - rather than any obscure ailment picked up during their temporary exile. **Wall of wax** Dirty ears are the bane of many a mother's life, but parents should take heart from a recent report from the *British Medical Journal*. Over-zealous cleaning of children's ears with cotton-tipped swabs can cause more problems than it solves. Dr Peter Baxter, now of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, surveyed 111 children in south-west London. He found that in 41 cases the view into the ear was obscured by dense wax plugs. Ninety per cent of these children had had their ears cleaned with swabs, while those of the other 10 per cent were cleaned less vigorously with flannels or fingers. Cotton-tipped swabs may actually push the wax deeper into the ear. The plugs, moreover, can be very irritating for the children, but, more seriously, they block the view of the tympanic membrane - the outer skin shield of the main ear mechanism. This makes it extremely difficult for a doctor or nurse to tell whether there are any problems. Many children suffer from middle ear infections which may cause temporary deafness but, if a plug is there, it is almost impossible to determine whether the deafness is caused that or whether there is a hidden infection. Dr Baxter's advice is: Never push a cotton-tipped swab into the centre of the ear. He would also like warnings on swab packets to be changed from advice against "entering" or "inserting into" the "ear canal" to more strongly worded statements telling users to avoid using the swabs on the ears. **Niven appeal** The David Niven appeal for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA), launched last month by Douglas Fairbanks Junior and Anthony Quayle is going well, although the response so far has not been overwhelming, according to its organizers. The appeal aims to raise £250,000 by Christmas to help sufferers and promote research into the disease from which the actor died last July. About 6,000 people in this country suffer from it. Motor neurone disease is a degenerative illness of the nerve cells responsible for muscle control. Its victims are normally people in middle and old age, and there is no known cure. Some evidence suggests that the disease could be caused by a virus. Many sufferers, for example, had polio at a younger age. Dr F. Clifford Rose, the MNDA's medical patron, has found that an antiviral agent can prevent twitching in some patients. Part of the research funds will be allotted to a further examination of this reaction, he says. Other evidence suggests that people with motor neurone disease could lack elements vital to their body's biochemistry, or that there could be environmental causes. One hundred times more sufferers than anywhere else in the world are found on Guam in the South Pacific, for example. Tapioca cooked in a traditional manner there has been shown to contain a high percentage of cyanide, which is a possible cause of the high incidence of the disease. **Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser**

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How 'social' abuses the language: F. A. Hayek on Newspeak exemplified

David Watt

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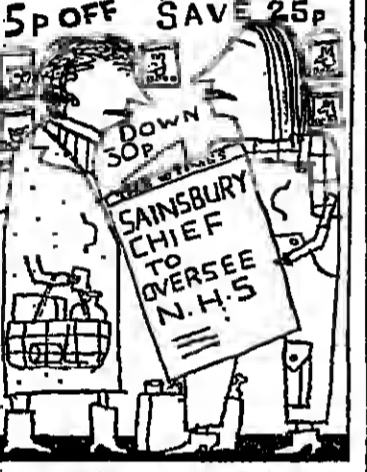
All the hacks that fit

Now that the Caribbean seems to be an almost permanent hotspot, it's good news for the Cuban economy...

Pram's a sham

Nigerians are so reluctant to give up the good life in the face of falling oil revenues that they have developed smuggling into an art form...

BARRY FANTONI



Surely this can only mean more cuts?

Long runner

The yellow 1934 Daimler, owned by the Spectator's proprietor, Algy Cluff, and offered to the winner of that magazine's current competition...

Backing Brittan

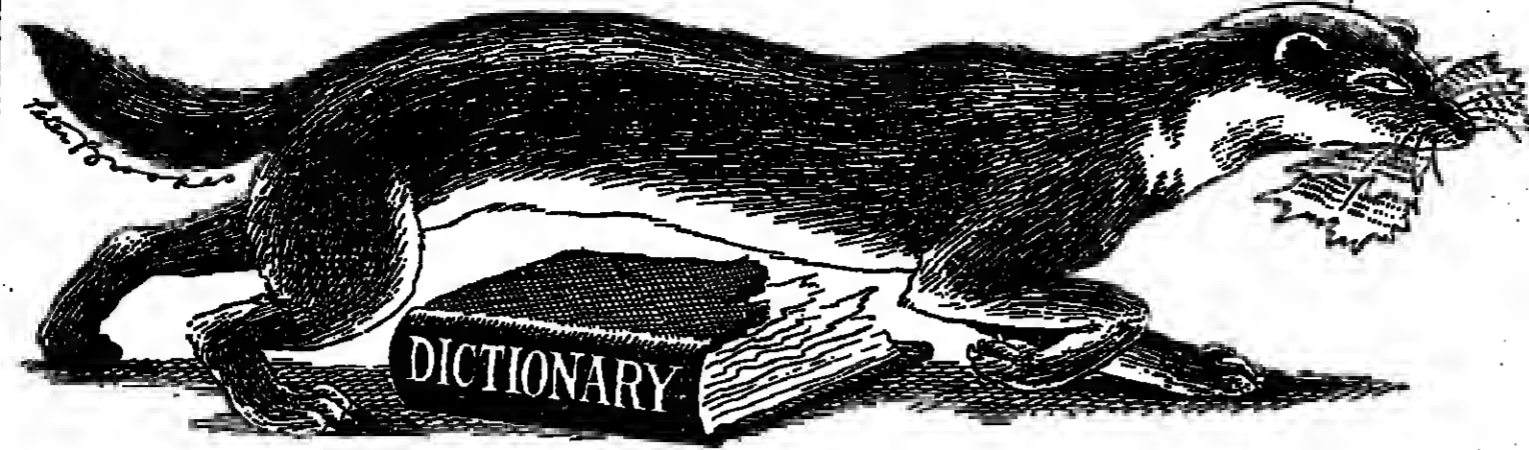
Having been severely criticized for his muddled speech during the Commons debate on capital punishment, Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary...

Men wage war

Ominous-sounding news for women workers hoping to challenge inequalities at work under the new equal pay legislation...

On a loser

Last week, it was reported on our financial pages that in 1980, a goodish year for aviation insurance, Syndicate 862 lost £17,000 for every £10,000 of premium income written...



Beware this weasel word

The adjective "social" is probably the most confusing and misleading term of our whole political vocabulary, a sort of verbal magic wand...

Friedrich von Hayek, the Austrian economist, won a Nobel Prize in 1974. His work on monetarism has profoundly influenced the policies of Margaret Thatcher's government...



despotism can be achieved democratically, while preserving the freedom of the individual, can also be maintained if the word "democratic" is emasculated into "social democratic"...

It would require a separate book to show how much this magic word has in a great variety of connexions misled policy; making proposals seem incontrovertibly good merely by labelling the particular interest which they serve as "social"...

Much the worst of the deceptive uses of "social" is in the phrase "social justice". It is, as a distinguished man much more courageous than I hungrily expressed it 25 years ago...

The alarming extent to which the term has already perverted the thinking of the younger generation is illustrated by a recent Oxford doctor's thesis on Social Justice (David Miller, 1976).

thesis, justice is consistently treated anthropomorphically, as the manner in which a personified "society" "treats" the different individuals who belong to it...

It is as meaningless to call this spontaneous distribution unjust as it would be to call it just. It is simply not capable of bearing such an attribute. Only human actions can be just or unjust...

Of course, a consistent socialism emphasizes that only if we could give a supreme authority unlimited power to force the individuals to do what this authority thinks to be desirable could anything like social justice be achieved...

Bryan Appleyard on the struggle behind the scenes for control of state subsidies

Early next week the 250 recipients of annual Arts Council subsidies will receive a rather odd letter. Designed to be known as The Ikley Letter it was conceived at a three-day brainstorming session at the Craighlands Hotel, Ikley...



think the greatest danger lies in doing nothing. The implication of the letter is that the council is, in the words of one member, going to make its grants "leasehold rather than freehold"...

The bemused managements of theatres, orchestras, opera and ballet companies will be asked what would happen to them if (a) their subsidy was withdrawn or drastically cut or (b) if it was substantially increased...



Lord Gowrie, aiming for a ministry with muscle? Right, Rees-Mogg and Rittner, fighting for their future

Ikley: the art of hitting back

organization was unduly profligate, both were underfunded and both were central to our way of life. But... Priestley floated the idea of direct funding of the national companies without any Arts Council involvement...

Again the inhabitants of 105 were dismayed. One describes the proposals as "Option Z - a fallback position that is so far back it is out of sight"...

The bad news followed. The report had serious doubts about the present structure of the council. It recommended significant levels of devolution to the regions and away from the headquarters at 105 Piccadilly...

There is great scope for entrepreneurial initiative in this field, remarked the government draftsman with a consummate blandness that caused appoplexy at 105...

Who wants to be a millionaire? My family has come to the conclusion that the only hope we have of getting a new secondhand car to replace the old war-chariot, which is using a tank of oil to a tank of petrol...

I am well aware that my chances of winning a million are as remote as my chances of singing counter-tenor at Covent Garden or playing striker for England...

The trouble is that the various gambling competitions, with silly names such as Bonanza, are of a trivial complexity quite beyond me. I have never had the patience to understand how to work a fruit machine...

Links that bind but do not tie down

Writing about the Grenada affair two weeks ago, I argued that we had been given another painful demonstration of the need for better machinery within the Western Alliance for coping with crises outside the Nato area...

Mr Dum was obliged to say that he noted her views but could give no assurance that the President would take a bit of notice of what she said. What is more, he could not give her any guarantee that the US would not allow the resumption of arms sales to Argentina...

Two main lines of attack on my original thesis have come to light. The first is the pragmatic Establishment position, which has been wearily explained to me by politicians and bureaucrats of more than one party...

This is not much comfort but it is a useful definition of the problem in every other adult in Britain, including readers of the Daily Mail, possesses. If they can be bothered, why can't I? If the lodger or a 10-year-old boy can tell at once which wheel on the fruit machine needs to be joggled forward to maximize the chances of a jackpot...

Sour grapes about the fruit machines

My heart warmed to Sir Douglas Wass when I heard that he had described one of his political masters as the only man in England who could spend all day reading the Daily Mail...

It is all very well to cry that the barbarians are over the Danube. They always have been, dear boy, and moaning about it is not going to change things. I suppose I could take evening classes in competition technique...

I am certainly not going to start reading the horoscopes just to keep up with the barbarians. All astrology is hogwash and piffle, a way of pointing the simple-minded to the stars. I am dismayed by its raging popularity with my intelligent and rational fellow-citizens...

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TEBBIT LAW IS THE LAW

We have not heard the last of the Mercury case. Wednesday's Appeal Court hearing was technically three-act... TEBBIT LAW IS THE LAW... The balance of likelihood has been sharply altered by the dramatic courtroom stroke of revealing a job security agreement which casts into doubt the union's claim that its motives were 'wholly or mainly' industrial...

formerly had immunity, have scarcely been resorted to. At the same time the recession has imposed its own curbs on workers' readiness to jeopardise their jobs by striking... The precedent has been created, and will be influential. The ice has been broken for unions faced with the choice between maintaining the pretence that the Employment Acts are illegitimate and ephemeral interlopers on the statute-book, or bowing to the law, so as to protect union funds...

cut, but the main point still stands. The union has embarked on its action on terms which were already imposing crippling financial burdens on its resources, while inflicting disappointingly little damage on the employers... The precedent has been created, and will be influential. The ice has been broken for unions faced with the choice between maintaining the pretence that the Employment Acts are illegitimate and ephemeral interlopers on the statute-book, or bowing to the law, so as to protect union funds... Many small and medium-sized British companies find that the Crown Agents' operations are of great value in their own export efforts...

TOGETHERNESS IN BONN

There is a very comfortable feel about Anglo-German relations at the moment, as Mrs Thatcher found on her visit to Bonn this week... The political level as well as the two conservative governments have drawn closer. Both are determined to press ahead with deployment of the new American missiles as long as there is no agreement in Geneva...

what bruised by the lack of consultation before the American action in Grenada, and by the boost which this has given to anti-American sentiment... Meanwhile in the European Community both countries are net contributors and both are feeling the pinch at home, so there is more agreement than there was on the need for reform...

a shadow over relations. It is therefore all the more important that Britain should continue to support West Germany's diplomatic efforts without the same suspicions... The fact that in this area the Christian Democrats have continued the policies of the Social Democrats shows that it is as much a question of national interest as of coalition politics...

BRAZIL'S ARMOURY OF DEBT

Last month the Brazilian Congress dramatically rejected Decree Law 2045, which as part of the country's agreement with the International Monetary Fund limited all wage increases to 80 per cent of the rise in the cost-of-living... This is inevitably reflected in politics. President Figueiredo still has extensive powers, and he can invoke emergencies, but he cannot so easily invoke authority...

trading partners. These have been vulnerable in recession, and through retaliation some of them will be lost as Brazil restricts her own imports... The Fund and the bankers repeat that they are confident that successive debt-crises can be managed, one at a time. The timing also colours each crisis, and the Brazilians are perhaps unlucky in coming after the Mexicans, who had the good fortune to get into difficulties first...

How many of the intentions in Brazil's letter of intent can be fulfilled remains to be seen. The current agreement is a welcome temporary solution, but nobody believes that it is anything more than that... Whatever one's views on defence, to slander in such a manner and so constantly women who have shown such persistent courage in fighting the possibility of our nuclear obliteration does, in its turn, invite some very gloomy contemplation of the sort of society we are creating for ourselves...

Role of the GLC

From the Leader of Westminster City Council. Sir, GLC Leader Ken Livingstone's assertion (October 31) that the public would be put at risk if the London boroughs take over the licensing of theatres and cinemas is completely ludicrous... Compare this completely inadequate provision with Westminster's approach to the licensing of sex shops, with a self-contained unit of shops, with a self-contained unit of shops, with a self-contained unit of shops...

GLC abolition: closer attention to the individual needs of the boroughs with full financial accountability and the local communities, something that Mr Livingstone's GLC administration has consistently failed to do... There is general agreement that the landlord/tenant system has made an enormous contribution to the success of British agriculture. It has made possible an efficient separation of capital inputs between owners and occupiers of land...

From Mr Oscar Colburn. Sir, Your distinguished correspondents, Mr H. Fell and others (October 25), draw attention to impending legislation which is designed to stabilise or increase in size the tenanted sector of British agriculture... Farm tenants are substantial businessmen. Many of them have £500 per acre, or more, invested in their enterprise. It is of importance to the national economy that investment by tenants should continue at a high level...

Still a need for Crown Agents

From Sir John Cuckley. Sir, Towards the end of the secondary banking crisis in 1974, when I became Senior Crown Agent and Chairman, I inherited an historic and excellent organisation which in one area, and one area alone, was in difficulties... The background to these problems and how they arose has been exhaustively examined, first by the Fay committee appointed in 1975 and reporting in 1977, and secondly by a 1921 Act tribunal of inquiry appointed in 1978 and reporting in 1982...

'Hit list' for university closures

From the General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers. Sir, The creation of a so-called 'hit list' for closure of universities is scarcely the most fruitful way of opening up the debate on the future of higher education... Sir Keith Joseph has pre-empted that planning by suggesting that level funding may not be maintained and universities may have to face a 2 per cent per annum cut in resources over the next five years...

Church remarriage of divorcees

From the Reverend Nick Earle. Sir, Of course the Reverend Giles Hunt (November 9) is right; the rewriting of the marriage service is now an urgent priority for the Church of England... We have got ourselves into our present muddle, I suggest, for two main reasons. First, we have allowed, if not encouraged, those of all persuasions or none to take vows without any prior assessment either of their understanding of the words they use or of their capacity for giving effect to them...

Teenage betting

From the Director General of the Betting Office Licensees Association Limited. Sir, We share Dr Moran's view (November 10) that young people under the age of 18 should not be permitted to enter licensed betting offices for the purpose of placing bets... The proposed legislation would, as Dr Moran has said, enable 16 and 17 year olds to be employed in licensed betting offices...

Planning for leisure

From Mr G. F. C. Rogers. Sir, I write to support Sir Ian Hunter's proposal (October 24) for a Council for Amateur Activities and I have a suggestion for such a council's agenda... All city councils possess buildings lying idle: disused warehouses and schools, for example. They could be furnished with wood-working machinery and small metal-working machine tools...

Quietus for the Guy

From Mr Laurence Cotterell. Sir, The Reverend F. H. Mountney (November 9) need not be too concerned about the feelings of Roman Catholics, numbers of whom have long burned images of Guy Fawkes on November 5 in the spirit of placing a hero on the funeral pyre... I would be necessary to have two or three skilled craftsmen in attendance to advise users and maintain the machines...

The peace movement

From Ms Sarah Haskins. Sir, A low standard of journalism is now expected from papers such as the Sun and Daily Star, but surely not The Times? And not just on any page, but in the leader? Your comment (November 3) that 'credit must also be given to the women of Greenham Common, his (Mr Haskins) most reliable allies in the battle for middle opinion'...

Life of housing

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From Mr Oscar Colburn. Sir, Your distinguished correspondents, Mr H. Fell and others (October 25), draw attention to impending legislation which is designed to stabilise or increase in size the tenanted sector of British agriculture... Farm tenants are substantial businessmen. Many of them have £500 per acre, or more, invested in their enterprise. It is of importance to the national economy that investment by tenants should continue at a high level...

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Mortal danger

From Professor H. H. Huxley. Sir, 'The American marine base... came under sustained fire last night from 60 millimetre mortars' (The Times, page 1, November 8). An economical breakthrough in genetic engineering? Yours sincerely, H. H. HUXLEY, 12 Derwent Close, Cambridge, November 8.

THE ARTS

Cinema

Bold display of British vitality and variety

London Film Festival National Film Theatre (from November 17)

Monkey Grip (18) Cinecitta, Panton Street

Bloody Kids (15) ICA Cinema



Sinister and innocent: Richard Thomas as the boy in search of attention in Bloody Kids

The London Film Festival is upon us again, in its twenty-seventh edition. This year the bag is as mixed as ever, and very much larger. With 160 titles, mostly made in a 12-month period, common sense and the law of averages would indicate that many are better avoided; but the advance information in the festival brochure rarely gives the game away. Practically all the films are described in such superlatives ("stunning", "devastating", "tough, unswerving and imbued with a recognizable truth", "stunning minimalist images") that a hint of qualification ("if the soigné visual style seems sometimes over-determined") is positively damning. In this context the description of a film as "a fascinating experiment which audiences will judge differently depending on expectations and taste" is an ominous caveat. It is hard, too, to know what to make of Marguerite Duras without the longueurs.

con te non ci sto più, not in itself very successful, has probably sold its tickets because Bertolucci's name is attached to it as producer and particularly lurid brochure publicity. It was predictable that a "wonderfully camp and extremely bizarre musical... a sexually exotic mix of transvestites, transsexuals, gays and other variants" (Ross von Praunheim's City of Lost Souls) or "a celebration of the male form, of nudity, of gayness" (Eric de Kuyper's Casta Diva) could not fail to find their public.

feature of the new British feature films is reliance on original screenplays. Niek Darke's for Giles Foster's Forayers Arms, Ian McEwan's for Derek Banham's Last Day of Summer, David Hare's for Stephen Frears's Soligo - Year of the Cot. Undoubtedly one of the most intriguing prospects of the festival however is John Schlesinger's An Englishman Abroad, with a script by Alan Bennett, based on Coral Browne's recollections of meeting Guy Burgess during an exchange theatrical tour in Moscow. Miss Browne plays herself; Alan Bennett is Burgess.

European cinema has not been strong this year either in East or West. A quick short-list of festival programmes still available would include Raul Ruiz's ancient mariner's tale, Les Trois Couronnes du matelot; Claude Goretta's exposé of the calm propriety of a Swiss village, The Death of Morio Ricci; Pál Sándor's equivocal paean of Hungary, 1956, Damel Takes a Train; and (if your taste runs that way) Alexander Kluge's philosophical essay The Power of the Emotions.

Dance Tipping the balance

Royal Ballet Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet's new programme is oddly arranged, as if someone had set out to devise a mixture that nobody could like in its entirety. Yet I think that, sorn of one item and presented as a double bill, it might work rather well. There are two works by Ashton, both using very small casts and neither of them very long, but each with the distinctive mark of his imagination. Monotones is lyrical in mood, Facade comic, between them, they show the range of his genius. They need to be much better danced than at present, and while the dancers available there is no reason why they should not be, through some recasting and considerably more attention to detail in the rehearsal studio.

Concert Nash Ensemble Bloomsbury Theatre

A double-decker sandwich is the substantial traveller's fare on this latest programme toured by the Arts Council. The outside is the appealingly consilient of perky chamber pieces by Prokofiev and Janáček, both written in 1924: the former's reed and string quintet, the latter's Youth. Next inside come two highly imaginative new works by younger English composers, but then the centre is occupied by a large slah of stodgy material known as Constant Lambert's Piano Concerto. Never mind: the rest should secure delight at the repeat performances in Oxford. Coventry and points north during the next week.

Theatre Blondel Old Vic

It is good to put that heading up again, and even better to report that the old piece is now in marvellous condition. In the past we have always had to apologize for London's most loved theatre. The acoustics may have been perfect, but it was incurably cramped, peeling and dowdy; the penny-pinching ghost of Lillian Baylis still haunted the place. Thanks to its Toronto Medical, that is no longer the case. The theatre has emerged from its dusty old carapace as a superb compromise between Victorian restoration and modern open-plan design. You can drink your way up from the Pit Bar to the Lillian Baylis Circle (no food, as yet); colour schemes and lighting contrast encourage you to move about socially in a welcoming atmosphere: above all there is space - in the foyer, on the wide stairways and between the auditorium seats.

David Robinson

for Richard/Which'd be suitable. As for anachronisms, the appearance of French onion sellers and flamenco dancers to mark Blondel's place on the map take you back too insistently to Joseph, but they still exert great charm in Peter Jackson's production. This is a singing show, with far greater general vocal competence than musicals normally command. Stephen Oliver is not exactly the dominant partner; but his score takes off from the Lloyd Webber manner and elaborates it into full-scale operatic diversity. Beginning with an unaccompanied quartet of close-harmony monks, it proceeds with divided duets, solos and choros, and characterization through music - especially for Richard, who brings out Mr Oliver's most majestic vein. He can also write superb romantic tunes, such as the final duet for Paul Nicholas's husky Blondel and the reunited Fiona. Tim Goodchild's stage is alive with lightweight mobile properties that flood the Dark Ages with sunlight. And, among the smaller parts, look out for David Burt as the villainously virile John and Chris Langham as the spindly assassin.

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Television

Sad counterpoints

The portrait of Dylan Thomas in I Sing to You Strangers, on BBC2 last night, was meant to give us a picture of the poet - the thirtieth anniversary of whose death the programme marked - other than that of an inspired and irresponsible drunkard. The producer and writer, John Ormond, a fellow townsman of Thomas, obviously thought this view inaccurate and in his support brought forth René Clément, the composer Daniel Jones and Elisabeth Lutyens, the painter Alfred Jones, Thomas's wife Caitlin and daughter Aeryn, and the writers Nicolette Devas (his sister-in-law) and Dan Davin.

Mr Davin thought him doom-laden. Aeryn recalled how he travelled separately from the family on trains and read Agatha Christie. Mr Jones said - though one can scarcely credit it - that there was still an unknown Dylan Thomas, and Mr Clément said that Thomas did not have much of a capacity for drink. Obviously, sadly, it did not stop him trying.

Arguing over Thomas, debating whether he earned his plot in Poets' Corner, is almost an industry. I do not think this programme added to our knowledge but it did emphasize the aridity of the debate, to which the rolling resonance of the poet reading his own verse added a sad counterpoint.

Dennis Hackett

Caroline Moorehead meets Nicholas Gage, who achieves a life's ambition in his new book, Eleni



A weapon for the emotions

On August 28, 1948, a group of 13 Greek Communist guerrillas led by the author of Eleni, a 59-year-old fruit merchant separated from his family by war for over nine years. He had never seen his only son. "There wasn't much money," says Gage. "My sisters went to work. I won scholarships to college and then to Columbia graduate school. America was a revelation to me. I loved the way you were judged on your work. It makes you feel good. People have asked me if I feel guilty about my mother. I feel responsible. I felt I had to do something with my life that was worthwhile because someone had paid for it with their own."

After Columbia, Gage joined the Associated Press, then the Wall Street Journal, before becoming an investigative reporter for the New York Times. The father the Gatzoyiannis children eventually joined in America was Christos, a 59-year-old fruit merchant separated from his family by war for over nine years. He had never seen his only son. "There wasn't much money," says Gage. "My sisters went to work. I won scholarships to college and then to Columbia graduate school. America was a revelation to me. I loved the way you were judged on your work. It makes you feel good. People have asked me if I feel guilty about my mother. I feel responsible. I felt I had to do something with my life that was worthwhile because someone had paid for it with their own."

NONI NEXT WEEK AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE 14 November to 19 November Olivier: Mon at 7.15 (low price preview), Tues Thurs at 7.15, Sat at 2.00 & 7.15, From Night Thurs 1 Dec. The new musical JEAN SEBASTIEN By Marvin Hamlisch, Christopher Adler, and Julian Barry. Cast of over 30 includes: Jones Beckland (Roman), Elizabeth Counsell (Jean), Kelly Hunter (Young Jean), Michael Bryant (J. Edgar Hoover), John Savident (Otto Preminger). Cottesloe: Mon at 7.30, David Mamet's GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS "Best play in London" (Observer). YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU is at the Grand Theatre Leeds, Nov 21 to Sat 26 Nov.

MARKET REPORT by Derek Pain

Sober birthday for USM

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Oct 31. Dealings end, Nov 11. Concargo Day, Nov 14. Settlement Day, Nov 21.

The Unlisted Securities Market, the Stock Exchange's lousy, occasional controversial infant share market, celebrated its third anniversary yesterday - but it was not quite a champagne affair.

Federated Housing, the latest in the flood of new issues, suffered the indignity of opening below 54p placing price and the USM market as a whole gave an indifferent performance.

Datastream, the City computerized information service, has calculated a USM Index since the hesitant launch with 12 companies. The index (base: 100) has been as high as 103.85 points. Its "low" was reached in September, 1981, when it touched 54 points.

Last night it closed at 96.34, up just 0.22 points. The USM now has more than 200 companies with a total capitalization of £2,100m. Newcomers are arriving with monotonous regularity.

Teles Television said it was seeking a USM presence for its "A" shares (currently priced at 100p on the 163 market).

But dominating the market at the moment is the excitement of the debut of the Aspinall Holdings casino concern. In one of the most frantic scrambles for new shares witnessed in the

never the 115p sales price is expected. Aspinall, which has denied market speculation of some form of deal involving its bigger rivals, Plessum and Trident, will have the distinction of five stockholders trading the shares.

They were supported by further evidence that the MIRAS benefits are still flowing through. Minorco composites rallied after yesterday's weakness following the General Accident figures.

Among the leaders, Boots was the most active on speculation that its *Iturroprofa* plan - a private placing by *de Zoete and Bevan*, the stockbroker, has raised £2.9m for *Arlington Securities*, the property developer, and given the company a £13.5m price tag. A share quote is now planned within the next three years. *Arlington*, which has a dozen institutional shareholders, made pre-tax profits of £888,000 last year.

The group had received clearance for over-the-counter sales in Britain earlier this year and seemed an unlikely candidate for American approval. Said a

spokesman: "As far as we are aware there are no problems... we remain confident we will receive approval."

Boots' comment arrested the decline. After falling 6p to 164p, the shares recovered to 167p.

Elsewhere, A and C Black, publishers of Who's Who, enjoyed the days most spectacular gain - up 58p to 321p on a tip-sheet comment.

Meggit Holdings, the machine tool group suspended at 38p, returns to the market today following the arrival of new management, a tender offer and a rights issue.

Mr Jeffrey Sterling, the new chairman of P&O (the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company), yesterday told his line managers that he was considering moving from Beaufort House, the group's rambling City headquarters.

He also told them he had, as of yesterday, commissioned an investigation of Beaufort House's overhead costs. The managers were also warned that changes, both in management and organization, "P&O's shares were unchanged at 247p."

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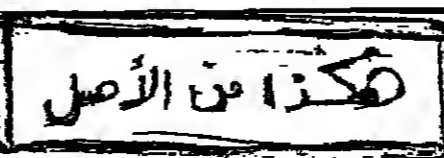
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A dogfight only British Airways can win

The Government really must do something soon to correct its unstructured and confused civil aviation policy...

There are already signs that street fighting might erupt between BA's hard-line, privatizing chairman, Lord King, and his equally determined counterpart at British Caledonian, Sir Adam Thomson...

Lord King predictably lambasted Sir Adam for mounting a "smash and grab" raid on valuable assets and signalled total opposition, at this stage, to any carve up between the two airlines.

Mr Trevor Boud, BCal's group finance director, has followed up by telling the all-party Parliamentary aviation group of MPs that given the go-ahead to come up behind BA and snatch some of its routes and planes, it will raise part of the necessary cash by seeking a full quotation on the London Stock Exchange...

A flotation, Mr Boud suggested, would raise about £70m and the rest of the money BCal would need "mostly from the major banks".

The Caledonian Group, of which BCal is the principal trading company, is 99 per cent British owned. Its 5,522 shareholders include big institutions, led by investors in industry, formerly FFL. Of its £25m authorized share capital, £19.8m has been issued. Caledonian's book value at October 31 last year was £55m.

Mr Boud was supported in his parliamentary lobbying by Mr Alistair Pugh, the BCal managing director. He told the MPs that having off BA to the private sector in its present form would release unfair competition against other privately-owned airlines.

For good measure, he gave a warning

that any attempt by the Government to write off BA's huge debt burden (up to 80 per cent of the airline's £1,100m of debts would need to disappear to make privatization possible) would be even more unfair.

Sir Adam was confident last week that his plan would succeed. "Raising the £70m would not be a problem; we would probably have a rights issue. Stock market flotation would not be necessary initially".

But, apart from being unsure within the company about whether to go to the market, the BCal board party, as Lord King called them, looks like being repelled. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary seems disinterested. Mrs Thatcher will undoubtedly back her hero Lord King and his vigorous efforts to have BA appear as a profitable enterprise in time for its Stock Exchange take-off.

The trouble with Sir Adam's plan is that if it succeeded it would replace a near-monopoly with a duopoly - and that would be just as unappealing to other airlines like British Midland Airways.

Privatization of the consistently profitable British Airports Authority is probably three years away, and that is a pity. It would be a good starting point in settling the current row and provide the base for a new policy.



Sir Adam: lambasted for mounting a 'smash and grab' raid

Qualified success for Brazil

The latest attempt to put together a rescue package for debt-stricken Brazil now looks assured. On Wednesday the Brazilian congress passed a much modified wage law which was less radical than the International Monetary Fund wanted but all it is going to get.

The United States Congress has also cobbled together a compromise which should ensure passage of the \$8.4 billion American contribution to the IMF through the House of Representatives.

Fortified by these bits of commercial banks are now stumping up towards the \$6.5 billion of new money which would see Brazil through to the end of next year. Something over \$3 billion has already reached Morgan Guaranty, which is coordinating the loan.

British registered banks are expected to contribute about \$750m and the big four clearers have already committed about \$400m of this. The response from other European banks and many regional banks in the US has been unenthusiastic. Their attitude is that as it is the big international

banks who have no riot, they should find their own way out of the Brazilian debt jungle.

It is unlikely that more than four-fifths of the \$6.5 billion commercial bank loan will have been committed by next week. However, the IMF will have to describe this as a success, realistically it cannot do otherwise.

Considering the problems American banks could face over non-performing loans and the internal economic problems in Brazil, the consequences of continuing to withhold finance would be far worse than bending the rules a little.

The IMF executive board should therefore approve the Brazilian package when it meets on November 18. Brazil would then be expected to repay the \$1.05 billion owed to the Bank for International Settlements, outstanding bridging finance from commercial banks and make a start on reducing arrears now put at over \$3.5 billion.

It is a beginning but the Brazilian problem promises to be around for a long time yet.

Shell gains £194m as dollar strengthens

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The upturn in the American economy and the subsequent strengthening of the dollar has again played a significant part in increasing the profits of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group.

Results for the third quarter of the present financial year show that profits rose to £645m compared with £451m in the corresponding period last year. So far this year profits are £1,774m compared with £1,245m a year ago.

Shell, which now has cash reserves of £5.3 billion, said yesterday that there was a strong consumer-led recovery in the US with fragmented recovery elsewhere.

The oil industry as a whole echoes Shell's statement. The rush of companies to buy shares in the BP North Sea Forties field and the expectation of shale, if not lower oil prices, shows that the oil industry now expects industrialized economies to enter a period of sustained, if slow, recovery.

Shell said yesterday: "The overall growth in the free world forecast at around 3 per cent in real terms for 1985, is expected that oil demand will marginally increase - the first annual increase since 1979."

Shell's results, which the company says have been helped by sterling's weakness against the dollar, were higher for the second successive quarter than brokers' estimates. The share price in London yesterday rose by 4p to 570p.

Ultramar, which yesterday announced an increase to its third quarter profits and confirmed that it had paid £30m for 1 per cent of the Forties field, said that it was continuing to look for new oil investments in the UK and the North Sea.

Ultramar, which originally bid for 2 per cent of the field, yesterday reported profits for the first nine months of this year up from £73.5m to £74.8m.

However, the company says that its recent Canadian marketing acquisition will not contribute profits until the last quarter of the year when Canadian home-heating oil sales rise.

Ultramar's chairman, Mr Arnold Lorbeer, said yesterday: "We share Shell's view that there will be an upturn in the economy in the coming months. We are looking for new investment in the North Sea and in the US."

The purchase of a share in the Forties field will give Ultramar a tax incentive to start a new exploration programme and the company says it could buy shares in other North Sea fields if they come on the market.

Surplus up at Stock Exchange

By Wayne Lintott

The Stock Exchange has nearly doubled its surplus before tax to £6m in the half-year to September 28. Sir Nicholas Giddens reveals in his informal interim report, to be delivered to members next Tuesday.

Total income from subscriptions, general service charges, rents and interest rose to £23.7m from £18.9m the year before.

The Exchange has also sharply increased the much-discussed compensation fund from £1,684,000 to £2.1m. No claims were paid during the interim period and there are no substantial claims outstanding. In the year ago period £186,000 was paid out.

The number of new members increased to 205, up from 170 last time, raising total membership to 4,315. The number of member firms, meanwhile, dropped from 232 to 228.

The interim statement also confirms that the Stock Exchange Council's decision on dismantling commissions can be expected shortly.

Sir Nicholas said that the agreement with the Government in July brings to an end "the biggest single treat, and surely the most unnecessary, which the market (established in 1802) has faced in its long history."

Interim profits jump at B & C Shipping

By Jonathan Clare

Exceptional profits from the sale of helicopters from the Bristol Helicopter Group's fleet helped British & Commonwealth Shipping more than double its half-year profits to £36.1m.

But the banking, shipping and air transport company, in which Lord Cayzer's Caledonia Investments has a 49 per cent stake, says full-year profits will be little different to last year's £36.8m after stripping out ship and aircraft sales.

Profits from the air transport division fell from £8.7m to £7.6m. Much of the fall is due to an exceptional currency loss incurred by aircraft loaned by Air UK. However, Air UK, which returned to the black last year, remains profitable at the trading level.

British & Commonwealth Half-year to 30.6.83 Profit £36.1m (£16.4m) Stated earnings 50.4p (24.9p) Turnover £175.9m (£169.7m) Net interim dividend 8p (7p) Share price 850p, up 12p Dividend payable 4.1.84

The helicopter sales follow the re-equipment of the Bristol fleet with Aerospatiale Super Puma aircraft and amounted to £16.3m.

Profits before the aircraft sales were up by £3.5m to £19.8m, largely from the Cayzer, Gartmore banking activities, aviation support and office equipment businesses. Investment income increased from £6.4m to £7.4m.

Associated company profits, largely from BCL, the container cargo shipping company, went down by £1.2m to £4.6m.

New borrowing schemes will help to control interest

World Bank set to cut loan rate

By Michael Prest

The World Bank will probably cut the interest rate on its loans to developing countries on January 1, Mr Eugene Rotberg, the Bank's treasurer and vice-president, said yesterday.

He said that several new borrowing instruments prepared by the Bank should help to hold the rate down. The present interest change is 10.47 per cent.

New measures either about to be introduced or under active consideration include floating rate notes issues, a new instrument to be called the Central Bank Facility, more short term notes issues, and using the financial futures markets to hedge the Bank's enormous and growing liquid liability. More currency swaps will also be used.

The World Bank is one of the biggest borrowers on financial markets and the scale of its

operations is awesome. In its last fiscal year, to the end of June, it raised \$10,300m (£6,931m) and this figure will be higher this year. No less than \$3,400m of fixed and medium term debt has been acquired this year up to last week and a further \$500m has been raised from discount notes in the United States.

Critics of the Bank have suggested that it has been forced to adopt more and more complex alternatives to the Euromarket as its borrowings have grown. At the beginning of this month the Bank raised \$100m from a 20-year "bulldog" issue.

But Mr Rotberg said that the new measures exploit the Bank's comparative advantage as one of the world's most highly-rated credits. It had to achieve the mix of debt and currencies which would offer

the lowest and least volatile interest rates to its borrowers. The floating rate notes, which will be the first issued by the Bank, will initially be used sparingly. The Bank envisages raising only around \$5m in the first few months, but the crucial feature will be tying the interest rate to the United States Treasury Bill rate rather than to Libor.

At the same time \$750m will be raised from the Central Bank Facility.

All these operations have posed an increasing problem of how to safeguard the mounting liquidity. The Bank's cash resources rose by \$4,000m last year to \$13,200m. The volume of trading to protect these assets was worth \$2.2 trillion. Before long, therefore, the Bank is likely to begin experimenting with financial futures markets

Miller to lead Lloyd's with Lawrence deputy



Miller: "I am the prime minister..." (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

By Andrew Cornelius

Mr Peter North Miller, a Lloyd's broker for 30 years was yesterday elected to succeed Sir Peter Green, chairman of the London insurance market.

Sir Peter, who has been in charge since 1980, stands down next month.

In accordance with the traditions of the 300-year-old market the 28-man ruling council met behind closed doors to decide the election of the chairman and two deputies for next year.

After the brief meeting the council announced that Mr Miller, aged 53, had won and that Mr Frank Barber, a former underwriter, and Mr Murray Lawrence, a favourite in the race for the chairmanship, would be elected deputy chairmen.

Within Lloyd's it was felt that Mr Lawrence had been passed over for the top job because he was not on the council during the past year of traumatic change.

Mr Miller was a member of the Committee of Lloyd's from 1977 to 1980 and again from last year and led the team which helped introduce the Lloyd's Act 1982, which replaced previous legislation dating from 1870.

Mr Miller is only the third broker to become chairman of Lloyd's. But yesterday he stated that he is not the brokers' man for the chairmanship. "I am a Lloyd's man," he said.

From January 1 Mr Miller will resign all his positions of directorial or executive responsibility in Thos. R. Miller & Son (Insurance) the family group which he has chaired since 1971.

He said he would continue as a director of the Miller Underwriting Agency, which he believed necessary to keep in daily contact with the market.

Mr Miller said that he had three priorities after taking over the chairmanship: to complete the work of putting the Lloyd's Act 1982 into effect by a system of by-laws, regulations and codes; to face up to and resolve disciplinary problems and; to oversee the move to the new Lloyd's building due to be completed by the end of 1985.

Mr Miller said he was happy that the new self-regulatory mechanisms would prevent abuses within the market.

"We have the very difficult task of steering the right course between an excess of bureauc-

racy and sufficient regulation," he said.

Mr Miller stressed that he wanted the various investigations into alleged malpractice to be completed "as quickly as possible". Slow justice was not necessarily the best. The problems would be tackled with firmness, justice and resolve.

"Certain things have happened at Lloyd's which, if the allegations are true, are shameful things. That said, I view these matters in the context of our enormous commercial success, our contribution to inevitable earnings and the 70,000 to 75,000 people we employ either directly or indirectly."

Mr Miller was keen to dispel the feeling that the appointment of Mr Ian Hay Davison as chief executive of Lloyd's had changed the chairman's job to that of a largely ambassadorial and ceremonial non-executive role.

"I am the prime minister and Mr Davison is head of the Civil Service," he said.

His family links with Lloyd's go back 100 years in an unbroken line to his great grandfather. Mr Miller, married with two sons and a daughter joined the family firm in 1953 after qualifying as a solicitor.

Tecalemit offer raised after weak response

By Andrew Cornelius

Siebe Gorman, the safety products group, yesterday increased from £15m to £18m its takeover offer for Tecalemit, the garage equipment manufacturer.

Siebe's final offer of three of its new ordinary shares or 990p cash for every 20 of Tecalemit's shares each Tecalemit share at 53.4p if the share offer is accepted or 49.5p in the cash deal.

Yesterday, Siebe Gorman said that the latest offer will lapse if it does not become unconditional by December 2.

The takeover has won acceptance from 8.63 per cent of Tecalemit's shareholders, a

level of acceptances described as "derisory" by Tecalemit. Siebe Gorman said yesterday that this was why its terms have been improved by 20 per cent if the share offer is accepted.

Tecalemit, meanwhile, is waiting for Siebe Gorman to produce a profits forecast for the year, even though the Siebe Gorman board has announced its intention to recommend an increased dividend of 9.45p net for the year to March 31, an increase of 11.2 per cent on last year.

Tecalemit has also reiterated that it sees no industrial logic in merging the two companies.

Early lift for Dow Jones

New York (Reuter). - Share prices remained higher in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday with both blue chip and secondary issues performing well.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which gained more than 17 points on Wednesday rose by nearly 5 points to about 1237. Overall, advancing issues outnumbered falling ones by about two to one. Volume was about 30 million shares.

Diamond Shamrock, an active issue, was down by 1/2 to 22. Standard Oil of Ohio fell 1/2 to 48.

A T and T, a big gainer on Wednesday on heavy volume, was up another 1/2 to 64 1/2 on volume of 1.3 million shares.

Pressure on the dollar

The dollar gave up ground against most leading currencies yesterday. Reports that US aircraft had been attacked over Lebanon helped the dollar off its low point. With fears over the Middle East generally subsiding, the dollar ended the day nearly 1 1/2 pfennigs lower against the Deutschmark at DM 2.6585.

Sterling closed up 55 points at \$1.4905 against the dollar but its value against the basket of currencies was unchanged. Dealers said conditions were quiet ahead of today's Veterans Day holiday in the United States.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 720.6 down 1.2 FT Gilt: 82.55 up 0.29 FT All Share: 449.97 up 1.85 Bargains: 18,895 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 96.34 up 0.22 New York: Dow Jones Average (latest) 1238 up 5 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 9,244.24 down 52.86 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 837.27 down 29.49 Amsterdam: 149.1 up 4.1 Sydney: AO Index: 709 up 3 Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index: 1016.1 up 12.7 Brussels: General Index: 126.88 up 0.44 Paris: CAC Index: 142.1 up 1.3 Zurich: SKA General: 294.8 unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.4905 up 55pts Index 83.9 unchanged DM 2.6585 down 0.0025 FRF 12.06 down 0.01 Yen 349.75 down 0.25 Dollar 127.5 down 0.4 DM 2.6585 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4900 Dollar DM 2.6595 INTERNATIONAL ECU: 57.1288 SDR: 7.09622

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 9 1/2-9 3 month interbank 9 1/2-9 1/2 Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 9 1/2-9 3 month DM 6 1/2-5 1/2 3 month Fr 13 1/2-13 1/2 US rates: Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 9 1/2 Treasury long bond 10 1/2-10 1/2 ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 7 to October 5, 1983 inclusive: 9.393 per cent.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Unilever papers stolen

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and soap company, was forced yesterday to announce its third quarter figures and interim dividend five days early, after price-sensitive documents went missing during the burglary of a manager's home in Britain earlier this week.

The company, which did not identify the manager said there was no evidence of a market leak. It did not believe that the burglars were specifically after the confidential documents.

Group profits of LWT (Holdings), parent company of London Weekend Television, slumped by two-thirds in the 12 months to last July, largely due to the launch and running costs of Channel 4. Trading profits dropped from £14m to £5.8m, but pre-tax profits of £5.3m were better than the stock market expected.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has announced he will not refer the proposed sale of some Dunlop Holdings European tyre plants to Japan's Sumitomo Rubber Industries for investigation by the Monopolies Commission.

Britain's economy will grow by only 1.4 per cent a year between 1985 and 1988 after 2.7 per cent this year and 2 per cent next, the Henley Centre for Forecasting says in its latest Economic Review. The number of jobs will rise to 3.3 million by 1987, when inflation will average 9 per cent, it says.

Interim profits jump at B & C Shipping

By Jonathan Clare

Exceptional profits from the sale of helicopters from the Bristol Helicopter Group's fleet helped British & Commonwealth Shipping more than double its half-year profits to £36.1m.

But the banking, shipping and air transport company, in which Lord Cayzer's Caledonia Investments has a 49 per cent stake, says full-year profits will be little different to last year's £36.8m after stripping out ship and aircraft sales.

Profits from the air transport division fell from £8.7m to £7.6m. Much of the fall is due to an exceptional currency loss incurred by aircraft loaned by Air UK. However, Air UK, which returned to the black last year, remains profitable at the trading level.

British & Commonwealth Half-year to 30.6.83 Profit £36.1m (£16.4m) Stated earnings 50.4p (24.9p) Turnover £175.9m (£169.7m) Net interim dividend 8p (7p) Share price 850p, up 12p Dividend payable 4.1.84

The helicopter sales follow the re-equipment of the Bristol fleet with Aerospatiale Super Puma aircraft and amounted to £16.3m.

Profits before the aircraft sales were up by £3.5m to £19.8m, largely from the Cayzer, Gartmore banking activities, aviation support and office equipment businesses. Investment income increased from £6.4m to £7.4m.

Associated company profits, largely from BCL, the container cargo shipping company, went down by £1.2m to £4.6m.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Table listing company news in brief, including H.C. Slingsby, Applied Computer Techniques, Stavoley Industries, Buckley's Brewery, Electra Investment Trust, John Beales Associated, and others.

Henry Ansbacher Holdings PLC Interim Statement

Interim unaudited results for the half year ended 30th September, 1983

Financial statement table for Henry Ansbacher Holdings PLC showing turnover, operating profit, profit before taxation, and disclosed earnings per share for 1983 and 1982.

The results for the first half year reflect rapidly increasing activity in the merchant bank, Henry Ansbacher & Co. Limited, which has absorbed the costs involved in setting up two international offices and has still performed above expectations.

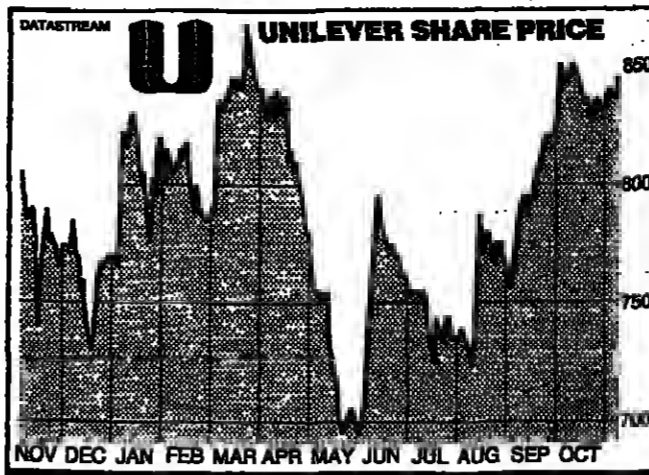
Prospects for the second half year are reasonably encouraging, although major improvement throughout the Group will only come if and when world trade picks up, and the shipping industry and metal markets come out of their current very depressed state.

Henry Ansbacher Holdings PLC One Noble Street, London EC2V 7JH

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Unilever advances despite dull sales

Unilever Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £81.0m (£59.1m) Stated earnings 75.15p (61-03p) Turnover £10.07m (£9.748m) Net interm dividend 10.57p (8.96p) Share price 845p (up 10p) Dividend payable 23.12.83



Unilever's third quarter pretax profits of £219m, which left profits for the first nine months 3.2 per cent ahead of last year, owed more to cost cutting than to sales. While sales volume during the third quarter was 5 per cent higher at £3.391m, operating profit of £213m was up 7 per cent.

This is not to say that sales in some areas and of some products are not advancing healthily. Although pan-European sales of consumer items - everything from frozen peas to deodorants - up by 2.5 per cent, less than the group average, ice cream benefited considerably from the hot summer and tea sales continued to perform well.

On the industrial side of the European operations, animal feeds, chemicals, plastics, paper and packaging all did better. Against that, transport could only manage to break even, and the continuing relatively low level of industrial production holds out little hope of a rapid recovery.

Perhaps the most encouraging indicator of what the future could bring, however, is the United States. There, National Starch's resins and adhesives have received welcome support from the revival of Detroit.

But Unilever is still locked in its battle with Procter and Gamble and Colgate for a bigger slice of the sharply competitive

Great Portland Estates

Great Portland Estates Half-year to 30.9.83 Net turnover £7.5m (£8.2m) Stated earnings 2.9p (2.9p) Net rental income £8.5m (£8m) Net interm dividend 1p (1p) Share price 130p, down 4p Dividend payable 26.1.84

The last set of full-year results from Great Portland Estates caused more than a little teeth-sucking among the City's property specialists when they showed a write-down in the value of the property portfolio.

The present set of interim figures has done little to reassure the blue chip property group's followers. They show a reduction in pretax revenue and a maintained dividend. But the City's reaction to the bottom line is unfair: Great Portland is a conservative company and it has taken the cost of refurbish-

ing its properties directly out of revenue, which has tax advantages, unlike other companies which take it out below the line. The reduced tax charge of £3.5m against £4.2m after the refurbishment costs of £320,000 against £155,000 gives a small increase in attributable profits at £4.1m.

More worrying is the dividend. While the City expected the present year to be flat, analysts had hoped for an increase in the interim dividend as a mark of better times just round the corner.

Great Portland received income during last year from its rights issue cash invested in gilts. These resources have now been ploughed into the development portfolio so the short-term return will be lower. The City has marked down expectations for the present year and now expects the company to produce full year profits a little down on last year's £15.8m. But results in 1985 and 1986 are expected to show the benefits of the present development programme.

Great Portland's undoubted strength lies in its conservatism. The valuation due at the end of the year is likely to show another write-down, and, in fact, is likely to show a small surplus. The portfolio is largely confined to London offices - about 2.5m sq ft of space which has been either built or refurbished in the last 15 years.

The balance sheet remains sound with long-term borrowing of only £22m against shareholders' funds of £21m. Liquid resources of £28m compare with outstanding commitments of £32m.

Valor

Valor Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £1.4m (£772,000) Stated earnings 8.05p (8.92p) Net interm dividend 1.07p (0.87p) Share price 134p, down 1p Yield 3.7%

Valor, the gas appliances group, is on course to exceed its own forecast of profit-growth ahead of the 26 per cent recorded last time.

In the six months of the end of September pretax returns are up by about 80 per cent, boosted by a product-led growth in volume sales of as much as 30 per cent.

Demand for the new Vogue gas cooker and Valor HomeLine has been so buoyant that the company has taken on an extra 300 staff in Liverpool and Birmingham.

The second half will have to bear the cost of the £1m cost of a television advertising campaign to further promote HomeLine and the £200,000 the group spent on an exploration well in the English Channel.

Even so profits for the full year should easily top £3.5m against £2.7m last time, and could do a lot better if the weather is kind - which in Valor's case means bad. The bonanza value in Valor's share price - the possibility of striking oil - has disappeared now that the first Channel well has proved uncommercial, and though the price is well supported by present trading, it should be born in mind that the gas appliance market is highly cyclical.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY PRICES, GAS OIL, LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, SUGAR, COCCA, COPPER, and various international financial data.

Base Lending Rates

Table of base lending rates for various banks including ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank Savings, etc.

Large table of Authorized Units & Insurance Funds, listing various investment funds and their performance metrics.

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Industrial notebook

Jobs indictment that shames our leaders

A startling but little publicized document has landed on the circular conference table on the 15th floor of the Millbank Tower, the London meeting place of the National Economic Development Council. It is a document that should shame the leaders of this land into some more real, less political and more properly productive action over jobs.

The Reagan Administration now intends to seek closer consultations with its largest trading partners on a wide range of economic and trade issues in an attempt to defuse increasingly hostile criticism from its closest allies.

US ready to drop big stick to woo its trade critics



Baldrige bringing new spirit of rapprochement to talks in Brussels

'We've lowered the level of rhetoric. No one wants a trade war'

ministration, Mr Baldrige said there was now a realization among cabinet officials that the harsh rhetoric which characterized some earlier negotiations, particularly in the East-West trade area, had been counter-productive.

third time in three years a group of his closest advisers including Mr George Schultz, the Secretary of State; Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary; Mr William Brock, the US trade representative and Mr Baldrige.

Mr Baldrige even suggested that the Administration would be willing to take a new look at proposals for a conference similar to that at Bretton Woods to reform the international monetary system.

behaviour of some Reagan Administration officials who have attempted to dictate policy to their counterparts.

Mr Baldrige has recently solidified his position as the Administration's top spokesman on industry and trade matters by winning a bureaucratic struggle with Mr Brock.

This was the reason for their strong commitment to increased resources for the International Monetary Fund and to closer cooperation among governments.

Over the next year and a half when the momentum of recovery must be maintained, exports will be increasingly important to all nations, including the United States, which is also looking abroad for growth.

Mexico cut imports from the United States by 50 per cent or \$9 billion; Brazil by between 30 per cent and 40 per cent; and Romania cut imports from all sources by 50 per cent.

'The US tried to apply heavy pressure which backfired'

The United States calculated that it lost 25,000 jobs for every \$1 billion of lost exports. Thus as a result of the Mexican cutback alone an estimated 200,000 workers were laid off, Mr Baldrige said.

These severe restraints cannot be allowed to continue if the world is to recover fully, he said, and he is determined to open communications at the highest levels to resolve the problems.

This may not be a giant step forward, but it is an important shift in policy nonetheless.

Advertisement for Ultramar featuring 'FIRST NINE MONTHS - 1983' and 'Ultramar' logo.

Table titled 'MEETING THE CHALLENGES' showing financial results for Ultramar Group for 1983 and 1982.

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement: The third quarter results were an improvement over the second quarter. The main profit centres continue to be our oil and gas producing operations in Indonesia, the North Sea and Western Canada.

'We have been informed that, subject to the requisite consents, we were successful in purchasing four units totalling one per cent of the Forties Field for a total consideration of £30 million.'

Advertisement for Martonair International featuring a large image of a ship and text about pneumatic control equipment.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account table showing financial data for 1983, 1982, and 1981.

Table showing principal translation and conversion exchange rates used by the Group.

Operating Results table showing sales of oil, oil refined, oil produced, gas produced, gross wells drilled, and oil and gas wells completed.

Ultramar logo and contact information for Morgan House, 1 Angel Court, London EC2R 7AU.

APPOINTMENTS

Changes at Lilly Inds

Lilly Industries: Mr Richard A Bailey has been reappointed managing director. Mr Sidney Taurer becomes vice-president of Europe. Mr T S Clifford has been made director of pharmaceutical marketing for the United Kingdom.

Martonair

Extracts from the Review by the Chairman, Mr Ronald Cartwright: There has been no real improvement in the level of world wide demand and, although there has been a small increase in turnover, results are very similar to those in the previous year.

MARTONAIR INTERNATIONAL p.l.c. Manufacturers of pneumatic control equipment

Central & Sheerwood slips into red and sells offshoot

By Jeremy Warner

Central & Sheerwood has sold its heating appliances offshoot, Trianco-Reddy to a management consortium for £4.2m.

The consideration represents well over a half the engineering, printing and publishing group's current stock market value.

The sale coincides with news that the group slipped back into the red in the first half of this year.

Pre-tax losses were £415,000 on sales of £40m against profits of £278,000 on sales of £55m last year.

The fall in sales and slide into losses is partly attributable to

Central & Sheerwood Half-year to 30.6.83. Pre-tax loss £415,000 (profit £278,000). Turnover £40m (£55m). Net interim dividend none (same). Share price 11.5p unchanged.

The loss for the first half was struck after group administration costs less income of £242,000 against £208,000 last time and a reduction in bank borrowing costs from £1.7m during the corresponding period last year to £1.3m.

Trading profits in engineering were halved to £1m. Lord Eden will become the company's chairman at the beginning of next year and Mr David James will become managing director.

five months ago, the chairman said he was confident of the measures taken and viewed prospects for 1983 with cautious optimism.

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RUGBY UNION: RENDALL AND REDFERN CHALLENGE TO FACE ALL BLACKS

Smart pulls out of England squad

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

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Both the Scottish and the New Zealand squads trained yesterday in preparation for tomorrow's match at Murrayfield, the Scots at the National Ground and the All Blacks at Heriot Watt University. At the same time the Welsh squad left Cardiff for Bucharest, where they will play Romania for the first time tomorrow morning.

Smart's club, Newport, will be the first visitors to a reseeded Rotherham tomorrow when Rosslyn Park, who have lived a nomadic existence for the first two months of the season, return home to their refurbished ground.

Room with a view

Anyone following the example of Erika Roe and "streaking" at a major match at Twickenham is in for a cold and uncomfortable time.

The organizers of the Middlesex Sevens warned yesterday that anyone encroaching onto the playing area to "streak" will be taken "as they are, by special stewards to a room under the south stand."

"They will be detained therein until the end of the day when they will be taken to the local police station and charged with offensive behaviour. This will apply at all major matches at Twickenham."

Crucial chance for Romania

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh Rugby Union have put in an order with the snack bar across the road from the Arms Park for several dozens of bread to take with them to Bucharest this weekend.

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Coach is gracious in victory

Schools Rugby by Michael Stevenson

Few winners are as magnanimous as the Millfield coach David Rosser, having won both their games and tomorrow they play London Irish, who have had so much to do with the organising of the competition.

Attendances at matches so far have been encouraging and it is hoped that all the London club senior sides will benefit directly within a couple of years from the competitive experience of the under-21 games offer their promising players.

Even though Sherborne were without both their first choice props, their pack played magnificently well. They certainly could have won in the final minutes.

David Scott, the Sherborne coach, was equally complimentary. "I might be a bit definite about pace and are superbly organized, I think they are an excellent side."

Millfield earned a commanding interval lead through their Fleming and Major and a penalty and conversion by Hill. In the second half they held on grimly as Sherborne stormed back through a try by Cranran and two penalties by Evans.

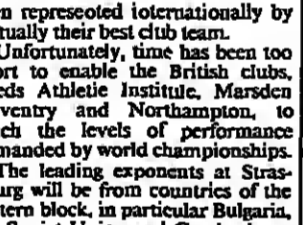
Bedford's visit in Stowe did not result in comparable entertainment. Stowe won a four match 9-7 by three penalties from Elmit to a splendid late try by Mitchell and a penalty by Nunn but Bedford's last-minute last-minute injury time when a conversion attempt rebounded off the posts.

Further oomph, rejoicings in Cumbria are muted, because St Bees have suffered defeats at the hands of Seaburn and Durham but they have won all the seven other matches, a remarkable record for a school with only 180 boys over 12.

Morgan expelled

Mike Morgan, the former Newport player, has been told by Ebbw Vale that he is no longer a member of the club "for disciplinary reasons".

Morgan admits to an argument last Saturday with the chairman of selectors, Phil Gardner, after the defeat at Cheltenham. Desi Best played at full back against Swansea on Wednesday and has been selected for Saturday's match at Cardiff.



Ray Williams: concerned about implications

GYMNASTICS

Rhythm but no time for future British team

By Peter Aykroyd

Britain has stepped down from the key competition at the modern rhythmic gymnastics world championships which begin in Strasbourg today. However, three Britons - Jacqueline Leamy, Lorraine Priest and Julie Ramsden - will participate in the individual events.

The decision not to enter the 20 nations contest for groups of six women arose from a change of training policy last summer. It was decided by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association and a national team training the responsibility of three leading clubs so that members could train together more frequently and thus achieve higher standards. Similar policy changes have been adopted with success by other countries who are

HOCKEY

Flourishing London gives Cambridge the blues

By Joyce Whitehead

Three goals by Kate Roderick put London University on their way to a 4-3 win over Cambridge University on Wednesday.

London, who had beaten Oxford University four days earlier, took the lead through Angela Burnett, Julie Chisholm equalized, but then Miss Roderick restored London's lead, Caroline Hambley and Ellen van Baren scored for Cambridge in the second half.

The University of London U20 has county status in the South territory, which means the undergraduates compete in both university matches and the stronger south counties championship. On Sunday they will play Kent under-23 and next Wednesday they meet Southampton University away.

This is the first weekend of county championship matches. Tomorrow, Lancing will play a new captain, Paula Standish, and strong team including internationals Linda Carr, Mary Eckersall and Margaret Souyave as well as Ann Cowburn, the under-21 player, play Durham at Norton.

Cumberland travel to Clifton Park, York, to play Yorkshire, who have already played two matches. Against Durham they won 4-0 but they lost 1-3 to Leicestershire. Their new recruit, Gillian Brown of the England under-21s is making a useful left wing.

Nottinghamshire, who meet Northamptonshire at the Sir Christopher Hanson School in Wellingborough look stronger than last season.

Perfection is too easy

Strasbourg (AP) - Stung by criticism of erratic and preferential judging at the world gymnastics championship in Budapest, the International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG) has decided to make radical changes in the judging system.

After a week of meetings, FIG announced they had invited delegations from its 83 members countries to submit suggestions for changes in judging the performance

Administrators may change Rugby League laws again

Kickers of dropped goals may get the order of the boot

When Danny Wilson kicked five dropped goals for Swinton against Hunslet on Sunday he surprised himself. For a man who had kicked only three in the previous three seasons with his club, he thereby broke the rugby league record for one point dropped goals in a match.

Little did he know that he was taking part in a glut of dropped goals. No fewer than 29 were kicked last weekend in the 15th John Player Cup ties, enough to set the game's administrators thinking about whether they should amend the laws to discourage the practice.

The dropped goal, generally regarded as one of the finest art forms in the game, has ebbed and flowed in popularity. Twenty one years ago when Neil Fox kicked three for Wakefield Trinity at Wembley, dropping goals was rare. The four tackle rule, introduced in 1966, led to a revival, but that petered out in 1974 when it was deemed to be one point in a bid to counterbalance the effects of the six tackle rule.

When this summer the "handover" law was made, many expected a flood of dropped goals and tactical kickings. British players, it was thought, would do anything rather than present the ball to the opposition at the sixth tackle.

That did not happen, in fact, on the first day of the season, when David Hobbs of Featherstone ruffed the ball down the touchline until it dribbled into touch by the corner flag, one Yorkshiramaas was heard to boor. "He's

givo Castelford head and ball doing that." he complained.

Unlike the Australians, to whom posieo is as important as possession, the British player, realizing the consequences of taking too often on their nervous systems, still guard the ball jealously.

Until last weekend that is, when Tooy Kinsey, of Fulham, equalled the post-1974 record with four against Featherstone, so reintroducing his position at the head of the League's rule of drop kickings, in a match that contained no fewer than eight dropped goals.

Was it exceptional? Indeed, closely fought cup matches do tend to produce their fair share of dropped goals. Yet, some believed that the mish has come 12 weeks later than expected; they say it was an inevitable consequence of the change in the laws this season.

A spokesman for the Rugby League said: "Dropping a goal can be the simplest method of scoring, because of the game's structure.

Indeed, five tackles followed by a dropped kick, albeit worth only a single point, when done too often, could well drive the crowds away.

Will the rugby league step in to change the laws yet again, perhaps disallowing goals dropped within the defending sides' 22? Only time will tell.

John Clemison

FENCING

High point for Britain

By a Special Correspondent

Linda Martin, of Britain, took third place in the women's foil at the third European fencing championship in Lisbon on Wednesday night.

Skapska, of Poland, for the bronze medal.

This was Britain's best result in an international fencing event for many years although Miss Martin reached the final of the 1982 world championships in Rome. It augurs well for her chances next year in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The winner was Cornelia Hansch, of West Germany, with the Italian number two Corala Cicconetti in second place. Italy's world champion Dorina Vaccorino did not complete in the championships.

RESULTS: European Championship Women's Foil: 1st, Cornelia Hansch (FRG); 2nd, Corala Cicconetti (ITA); 3rd, Linda Martin (GB); 4th, Cornelia Hansch (FRG); 5th, Cornelia Hansch (FRG); 6th, Cornelia Hansch (FRG).

Handball chief
Joseph Barak, a 48 year-old German, has been appointed director-general of the International Handball Federation in Switzerland, in succession to Friedhelm Poppeneyer, who died recently.

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